

Strikes Paralyze Europe Airports

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PARIS (AP) — A massive battle is taking place in the skies over Europe — and airplane passengers across the continent are feeling its effects.

A plan to simplify the European Union's patchwork air traffic control system and open up more air traf-



A passenger checks flight information at Marseille-Provence Airport, in Marseillan, southern France, Tuesday, June 11, 2013.
(AP Photo/Claude Paris)

fic duties to private enterprise has sparked strikes and job actions by controllers that began Tuesday in France and were to spread Wednesday to 10 other European nations.

Nearly two decades after the 27-nation EU began eliminating checks along its land borders, its airspace remains a contentious issue.

At the heart of the dispute is the idea of a single European sky — consolidating the continent's hodgepodge air traffic control systems under a sole authority, turning its many scattered air traffic zones into a few regional blocs, opening up bidding on services like weather forecasting and navigation, and easing what European officials say is a looming capacity crunch.

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Forest For The Trees



Taksim Square is flooded by tear gas as clashes between protesters and riot police continue into the night in Istanbul Tuesday, June 11, 2013.
(AP Photo/Vadim Ghirda)

Clashes in Istanbul extend into night in Taksim

Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Protesters and Turkey's prime minister both refused to back down Tuesday in what could become the final battle for Istanbul's Taksim Square, the symbol of nationwide grievances against his government.

Tens of thousands of protesters returned to the square in the evening, in a show of defiance met with tear gas, rubber bullets and water cannons, hours after riot police had forced their way past improvised barricades to clear the square of protesters occupying the

area for the past 12 days. Hundreds more vowed to continue their sit-in at Taksim's adjacent Gezi Park, despite an order from Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan for them to leave — an order bolstered by the police show of force.

A peaceful demonstration

against the park's redevelopment that began more than two weeks ago with students merely protesting plans to cut down trees has morphed into the biggest test of Erdogan's authority in his decade of power.

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US immigration debate clears Senate hurdle

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In Spanish and English, the Senate pushed contentious immigration legislation over an early procedural hurdle with deceptive ease on Tuesday as President Barack Obama insisted the "moment is now" to give 11 million immigrants in the United States illegally a chance at citizenship. Despite the lopsided, 82-15 vote, Republicans served notice they will seek to

toughen the bill's border security provisions and impose tougher terms on those seeking to gain legal status. "This bill has serious flaws," said their party leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell, one of several who noted pointedly that the 60-vote majority they will demand for passage is hardly assured. Even before the first proposed changes were considered, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, a potential 2016 Republican presidential contender, outlined

the complicated state of play for a measure that he helped draft as a member of the bipartisan "Gang of Eight" senators and now seeks to alter. With changes to tighten control of the U.S.-Mexican border, he said, about half of the Senate's 46 Republicans are prepared to vote to create the pathway to citizenship that is backed by most or all of the 54 lawmakers aligned with the Democratic majority.

At the White House, Obama

said repeatedly the current immigration system is broken, for the foreign-born who live in the United States legally and illegally alike. Obama didn't say so, but the legislation is likely his best hope of achieving a second-term landmark domestic accomplishment. Referring to the 11 million currently in the country unlawfully, he said, "Yes, they broke the rules; they didn't wait their turn."

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The unrest has spread to 78 cities across the country, with protesters championing their objections to what they say is the prime minister's increasingly authoritarian style and his per-

and renewed use of tear-gas against the protesters fits better with his defiant rhetoric," said O'Daly. Erdogan, a devout Muslim, says he is committed to Turkey's secular laws and denies charges of autoc-

actions, we will be at the necks of the provocateurs and terrorists, and no one will get away with it," he added. His words, accompanied by the repeated rounds of tear gas that left many choking for breath,



Protesters take cover as a police vehicle fires water canon during clashes at the Taksim Square in Istanbul Tuesday, June 11, 2013. Hundreds of police in riot gear forced their way through barricades in the square Tuesday, pushing many of the protesters who had occupied the square for more than a week into a nearby park.

(AP Photo/Vadim Ghirda)

ceived attempts to impose a religious and conservative lifestyle in a country with secular laws — charges he rejects.

So far four people have died, including a policeman, and about 5,000 have been treated for injuries or the effects of tear gas, according to the Turkish Human Rights Foundation. Tuesday's clashes, which saw police and protesters take and lose control of the square several times, came a day after Taksim saw its smallest gathering since the demonstrations began, sparked by a violent police reaction against a sit-in in the park to prevent its redevelopment. The government had also said Erdogan would meet with some of those occupying the park on Wednesday to hear their views.

"The relative calm yesterday was deceptive," said Robert O'Daly, Turkey analyst for the Economist Intelligence Unit.

"Mr. Erdogan's offer of dialogue appears to have been merely tactical. The appearance of riot police in the square this morning

racy. Yet as he defended his tough stance, he gave critics little hope of a shift in his position.

"Were we supposed to kneel before them and say 'please remove your pieces of rags'?" he said, referring to the dozens of banners and flags the protesters had festooned in the square. "They can call me harsh, but this Tayyip Erdogan won't change."

Confident of his position of power after winning the last elections in 2011 with 50 percent of the vote, Erdogan has insisted he will prevail. He made it clear that he has come to the end of his patience with the protesters, whom he accused of sullyng Turkey's image abroad and being vandals and troublemakers.

"To those who ... are at Taksim and elsewhere taking part in the demonstrations with sincere feelings: I call on you to leave those places and to end these incidents and I send you my love. But for those who want to continue with the incidents I say: 'It's over.' As of now we have no tolerance for them."

"Not only will we end the

seemed to gird the resolve of many in the park rather than weaken it.

"People are definitely going to stay. The more the police attack, the more people come and stay," said Melda, a 29-year-old cook who rushed to the park Tuesday morning when she heard of the police intervention. Fearful of losing her job for participating in the protests, she asked that her surname not be used. Melda and a group of friends had originally intended to go and set up a stall giving out cupcakes and sandwiches to the protesters. Instead they arrived with first aid supplies. She had harsh words for those protesters who had thrown rocks and firebombs at riot police on the square earlier in the day. "They're taking advantage of the situation," she said. "And then the prime minister calls us all terrorists." On Tuesday, Erdogan, who has called major pro-government rallies in Ankara and Istanbul this weekend, insisted again that the unrest was part of a conspiracy against his government. □

Q&A ON TURKEY PROTESTS

The Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkey's Islamic-led government is facing its biggest protests in years as demonstrators and police clashed Tuesday for the 12th straight day. Here's a look behind the scenes:

Q: What's going on in Turkey?

A: Demonstrators were camping out in a park in Istanbul's landmark Taksim Square, protesting plans to cut down trees and redevelop the area when police went in May 31 to clear them out. That heavy-handed raid ignited protests that have since spread to dozens of Turkish cities. On Tuesday, police went into the square again, pulling down protesters' makeshift barricades and chasing some with tear gas and water cannons.

Q: Is this just about trees — or something else?

A: Protesters are venting pent-up resentment against Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who has been in office for 10 years. Many secular Turks see him as an authoritarian figure trying to force his conservative religious Islamic views on them. Erdogan rejects those accusations. Still, he has spoken out against Caesarean births, said women should have at least three children, and backed laws to curb the sale of alcohol.

Q: What does Erdogan say?

A: The prime minister says the protests are being instigated by extremists who want to blacken Turkey's international image and he has lost patience with them. "For those who want to continue with the incidents I say: 'It's over,'" Erdogan said Tuesday. "Not only will we end the actions, we will be at the necks of the provocateurs and terrorists, and no one will get away with it."

Q: Why should other nations care about Turkey?

A: Turkey, a largely Muslim nation that straddles Europe and Asia, is a stable democracy, a key U.S. ally and an important regional influence. It has taken in tens of thousands of Syrian refugees fleeing that country's civil war.

Turkey's economy is worth \$1.3 trillion annually, almost as much as Canada's. It also has a flourishing tourist industry that welcomed nearly 38 million visitors last year to ancient historical sites and ruins, wide sandy Mediterranean beaches and stunning regions of natural beauty.

Q: How is Turkey a key U.S. ally?

A: Turkey borders Iran, Iraq and Syria. The U.S. needs Turkey's help to quell the violence in Syria, stabilize Iraq and stem Iran's nuclear ambitions. Turkey also played a key role as the U.S. military went after Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. Erdogan visited the White House last month for talks with President Barack Obama.

Q: What's next? Will Turkey see an Arab Spring revolution?

A: Turkey holds a presidential election next year in which Erdogan — who will hit his term limit as prime minister — could run against the current president. Despite the protests, Erdogan is unlikely to fall. His backing by rural conservative voters — the so-called silent majority — still appears to be strong.

Bloomberg outlines \$20 billion storm-protection plan

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NEW YORK - Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg outlined a far-reaching plan Tuesday to protect New York from the threat of rising sea levels and powerful storm surges by building an extensive network of flood walls, levees and bulkheads to guard much of the city's 520 miles of coastline.

The cost of fortifying critical infrastructure like the power grid, retrofitting older buildings to withstand powerful storms, and defending the coastline was estimated to be \$20 billion, according to a 430-page report outlining the proposals.

While Bloomberg conceded that many of the proposals would not even begin to take shape until after he left office at the end of the year, he said the devastating impact of Hurricane Sandy made it necessary that work begin immediately.

"This plan is incredibly ambitious - and much of the work will extend far beyond the next 203 days - but we refused to pass the responsibility for creating a plan onto the next administration," he said during a speech at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. "This is urgent work, and it must begin now."

In all, the report outlines 250 specific recommendations, including the adoption of adaptable flood walls and other measures to protect some of the worst-hit areas during the October hurricane.

The plan covers so many parts of the city and calls for such a wide array of proposals that the estimated price tag could change - and given the history of large infrastructure projects, that means the cost is likely to grow.

The administration said, however, that roughly half of the currently estimated \$20 billion cost would be covered by federal and city money that had already been allocated, and

that an additional \$5 billion would be covered by expected aid that Congress had already appropriated. The plan outlines ways to

Bronx to protect the food distribution center, on the East Harlem Waterfront along the Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive, at Hospital Row

nent levees.

Along some parts of the coastline, stone or concrete bulkheads would be installed, while in other

some proposals required further study, including the construction of a so-called Seaport City.

Such an undertaking would require installing a multipurpose levee with raised edge elevations and would "protect much of the East River shoreline south of the Brooklyn Bridge from inundation and create a new area for both residential and commercial development," according to a summary released by the mayor's office.

The city's power infrastructure also needs to be better protected. Currently, 53 percent of the power plants are in the 100-year floodplain. By the 2050s, according to the report, 90 percent of the stations will be.

Much of the worst damage during the hurricane occurred in buildings built before 1961, according to the report. The plan calls for \$1.2 billion to be made available to building owners to complete flood resiliency measures, like raising critical equipment, upgrading foundations and reinforcing exterior walls. □



New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg speaks about the city's long-term plans for dealing with climate change at the Brooklyn Navy Yards in New York, Tuesday, June 11, 2013. Bloomberg said, "Piece by piece, over many years and even decades, we can build a city that's capable of preparing better, withstanding more and overcoming anything."

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

raise the additional billions that would be required for the plan to become a reality.

In the first phase, the report calls for building barriers in Hunts Point in the

north of East 23rd Street in Manhattan, on the Lower East Side, in Chinatown, in the financial district and in Red Hook, Brooklyn.

On Staten Island, the plan calls for a system of perma-

places dune systems would be built.

The proposals outlined in the report were prepared by a group the Bloomberg administration assembled after Hurricane Sandy, and

Struggle to find jury in Trayvon Martin case

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SANFORD, Florida (AP) —

Attorneys in the trial of a U.S. man in the fatal shooting of a black teenager struggled to put together a jury Tuesday, as it was hard to find people who hadn't heard something about a case that drew national attention to issues of race and self-defense laws.

George Zimmerman, a Hispanic neighborhood watch volunteer, is pleading not guilty to a second-degree murder charge that could carry a life sentence. He says he shot 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in self-defense in February 2012 in his gated community. A 44-day delay in Zimmerman's arrest led to protests around the United

States. One juror told attorneys they're going to have a hard time finding jurors who haven't heard about the case and can only

hope they find residents who can keep an open mind.

"I haven't lived under a rock for the past year," Ju-

ror "B-51," a white, female retiree, said. "It's pretty hard for people not to have gotten some information." By the end of the day Tuesday, the attorneys had questioned 14 potential jurors in person, and more than 40 jury candidates had been dismissed after filling out a questionnaire. Zimmerman is claiming self-defense under Florida's so-called stand-your-ground law, which allows a person to invoke self-defense if they feel a fatal shooting is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm.

Attorneys need to find six jurors and four alternates. In Florida, 12 jurors are required only for criminal trials involving capital cases, when the death penalty is being considered. □



Tracy Martin, left, and Sybrina Fulton, parents of slain teen Trayvon Martin, arrive in Seminole circuit court for the trial of George Zimmerman, in Sanford, Fla., Tuesday, June 11, 2013. Zimmerman has been charged with second-degree murder for the 2012 shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

(AP Photo/Joe Burbank)

NYC bomb plot details settle little in NSA debate

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration declassified a handful of details Tuesday that credited its PRISM Internet spying program with intercepting a key email that unraveled a 2009 terrorist plot in New York.

The details, declassified by the director of national intelligence, were circulated on Capitol Hill as part of government efforts to tamp down criticism of two recently revealed National Security Agency surveillance programs.

Najibullah Zazi's foiled plot to bomb the New York subways has become the centerpiece of that effort. It remains the most serious

al-Qaida plot inside the United States since the 9/11 terror attacks.

In the rush to defend the surveillance programs, however, government officials have changed their stories and misstated key facts of the Zazi plot. And they've left out one important detail: The email that disrupted the plan could easily have been intercepted without PRISM.

The debate over the surveillance echoes one from years earlier, over President George W. Bush's warrantless wiretapping and harsh interrogation tactics. Critics said the government had gone too far but the administration said the techniques were lawful and kept America safe.

"What is clear from this in-

formation released by the DNI is that each of these programs is authorized by law, overseen by Congress and the courts and subject to ongoing and rigorous oversight," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

Zazi, an Afghan-American cab driver living in the Denver suburbs, was an al-Qaida-trained bomber. In September 2009, he sent a coded message to a Yahoo email address in Pakistan. Months earlier, British officials had linked the Yahoo address to a known al-Qaida operative.

"The marriage is ready," the email said in part.

The NSA intercepted that email, touching off a frenzied two-week investigation in New York and Colorado that led to Zazi's ar-



In this file photo, Najibullah Zazi leaves his apartment in Aurora, Colo., for a meeting with his attorney. The Obama administration declassified a handful of details Tuesday, June 11, 2013, that credited its PRISM Internet spying program with intercepting a key email that unraveled a 2009 terrorist plot in New York. (AP Photo/Ed Andrieski)

rest. He pleaded guilty and provided information that helped send two friends to prison. That much has been known for years. The government has put Zazi

back in the news now because the Washington Post and Guardian newspapers revealed the existence of two classified surveillance programs last week. □

Boston FBI boss, key bomb probe figure, steps down

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BOSTON (AP) — The head of the FBI's Boston office, one of the main law enforcement figures during the Boston Marathon bombing investigation, announced Tuesday that he's stepping down to take a private-sector job.

Richard DesLauriers, who's been special agent in charge of the office since July 2010, said he will leave next month after more than 26 years with the FBI. He said he has accepted a position as vice president of corporate security with Penske Corp., a transportation services company, in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

In an interview Tuesday, DesLauriers said he is most proud of his role in the apprehension of reputed mobster and longtime fugitive James "Whitey" Bulger; the arrests of two Boston-area Russian sleeper agents; the arrests and convictions of a man charged with conspiring to help al-Qaida and a man accused in a plot to fly remote-

controlled model planes packed with explosives into the Pentagon and the U.S. Capitol; and the investigation into the deadly Boston Marathon bombing.

DesLauriers was one of the main faces of law enforcement during the intense, five-day manhunt that led to the capture of the sole surviving suspect following the April 15 marathon bombing, which killed three people.

DesLauriers, 53, four years younger than the mandatory retirement age for FBI agents, said he first learned of the Penske job in March but delayed his decision because of the bombing investigation.

"My time was coming down the pike sooner or later, so this was a good time to pursue an opportunity with a real world-class organization in the private sector," he said.

Before moving to Boston, DesLauriers worked for the FBI in New York and Washington, earning broad experience in counterintelligence work. □

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They shouldn't be let off easy. They shouldn't be allowed to game the system. But at the same time, the vast majority of these individuals aren't looking for any trouble.

They're just looking to provide for their families, contribute to their communities. "

At its core, the bill sets out a 13-year journey to citizenship for the millions of immigrants who arrived in the United States illegally through the end of 2011 or who overstayed their visas. That journey would include paying fines and back taxes and other measures. The bill also requires a tighter border to prevent future illegal immigration.

Other key provisions would create a new program for low-skilled workers to enter the country and expand the number of visas for high-skilled who are particularly in demand in technology firms.

The bill also jettisons a decades-old system that favors family ties over education, job skills and other factors in prioritizing prospective legal immigrants. Numerous Republicans hope to use the issue to repair their party's image among Hispanic voters, a growing portion of the electorate in key states, and a group that polls show gave Obama 71 percent of its votes last year. But Republicans are divided, with tea party-backed lawmakers and other conservatives resisting anything that smacks of amnesty or otherwise seems to permit legalization without



Senate Minority Whip John Cornyn of Texas, accompanied by Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., gestures as he speaks with reporters about the Immigration Bill following a Republican strategy session on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 11, 2013. An amendment announced by Cornyn would require 100 percent monitoring of the entire U.S.-Mexico border and 90 percent of would-be crossers to be stopped or turned back before anyone can get a permanent resident green card. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

assuring the long border with Mexico in particular is virtually closed to future unlawful immigration.

"Of all of the issue swirling around this bill the path to citizenship for those who are here illegally is the single most divisive issue," said Sen. Ted Cruz, a Republican from border state Texas who was elected to his first term last November. "And that is the issue on which the Obama White House and Senate Democrats insist, and by insisting on that division I believe they by design destine this bill to be voted down."

In the Capitol, Sen. Tim Kaine, a Democrat, chose to deliver a speech on the immigration measure in Spanish.

He said it was appropriate to do so since the language "has been spoken in this country since Span-

ish missionaries founded St. Augustine, Florida in 1565. Spanish is also spoken by almost 40 million Americans who have a lot at stake in the outcome of this debate," he said in an English translation provided by his office.

As the Senate embarked on a debate expected to last for weeks, Speaker John Boehner said he hoped companion legislation could clear committee in the Republican-led House by the end of the month.

In an ABC interview, the Republican sidestepped when asked if he is prepared to support a pathway to citizenship for those living in the country illegally. "A lot of these big questions will be decided on the House floor," he said. □

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Google asks to publish more US gov't information

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— Google is asking the Obama administration for permission to disclose more details about the U.S. government's demands for email and other personal information transmitted online in an effort to distance itself from an Internet drag-net.

In a show of unity, Google rivals Microsoft Corp. and Facebook Inc. also supported the attempt to pressure the U.S. Justice Department to loosen the legal

muzzle that limits disclosures about government surveillance authorized by courts to protect national security. Google made its plea in a Tuesday letter to Attorney General Eric Holder and FBI Director Robert Mueller. Google is trying to debunk media reports that the company has created a way for the National Security Agency to gain access to large amounts of its users' online communications as part of a secret program code-named "PRISM." The reports surfaced last week after a government

contractor leaked confidential documents revealing the NSA has been tapping into the computers of Google Inc. and many other Internet services to retrieve information about foreigners living outside the U.S. The other companies linked to PRISM are: Microsoft, Facebook, Yahoo Inc., Apple Inc., AOL Inc., Paltalk, Google's YouTube and Microsoft's Skype. All the companies and services have denied giving the U.S. government unfettered access to user data. The companies say they



A man walks past a Google sign in Mountain View, Calif. Google CEO Larry Page is denying reports linking the Internet search company to a secret government program that has provided the National Security Agency access to email and other personal information transmitted on various online services.

(AP Photo/Jeff Chiu)

only turn over user data under legally binding orders, and try to regularly resist orders considered to be too broad.

Minimizing the appearance of their involvement in PRISM is important to the

technology companies. The companies don't want Web surfers to become paranoid about sharing personal information on their services or, worse yet, avoiding their websites altogether. □

Man pleads guilty in anti-Muslim NYC cabbie attack

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NEW YORK (AP) — A college student will serve nearly a decade behind bars after pleading guilty Tuesday to charges he attacked a New York City taxi driver from Bangladesh during an anti-Muslim tirade. "I used a knife. I cut him in the throat," Michael Enright told the judge. Prosecutor James Zaleta argued that Enright deserved an 18-year prison term for a "vicious, cold-blooded attack" in 2010 as the Sept. 11 attacks anniversary neared. "After insulting the tenets of Islam and mocking the restrictions of Ramadan, the defendant, unprovoked, reached through the cab partition and sliced the victim across his neck," Zaleta said.

The judge agreed that

the charges — attempted murder and assault as hate crimes — were serious but said Enright had no previous criminal record and because the victim wasn't badly hurt. Enright will serve 9 1/2 years in prison. Authorities say the 24-year-old asked cab driver Ahmed Sharif whether he was Muslim, uttered an Arabic greeting and told him to "consider this a check-point" before slashing him. Enright initially told police that Sharif tried to rob him and he'd defended himself, prosecutors said. The film student later told police he was "a patriot," according to prosecutors. A lawyer for Enright has said he was beset by alcoholism and by post-traumatic stress disorder from a 2009 trip to Afghanistan, where he was shooting a documentary. □

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Evidence suggests Manning leaked sensitive names

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Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Maryland
 (AP) — The mountain of

classified material U.S. Army soldier Bradley Manning gave to the anti-secrecy organization WikiLeaks revealed sensitive information about military operations and tactics, including code words and the name of at least one enemy target, according to evidence the government presented Tuesday. The 25-year-old Manning has said he didn't believe the more than 700,000 battlefield reports, diplomatic cables and video clips he leaked while working as an intelligence analyst in Baghdad would hurt national security. Prosecutors want to convict him of aiding the enemy, which carries a potential life sentence. For the first time, prosecutors presented evidence that the disclosures compromised sensitive information in dozens of categories. In one such statement, a classification expert, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Martin Nehring, said his review of leaked Afghanistan and Iraq battlefield reports revealed techniques for neutralizing improvised explosives, the name of an enemy target, the names of criminal suspects and troop movements.

The evidence also covered leaked material from the Army's investigation into a 2009 airstrike in Afghanistan's Farah province. The investigation concluded a bomb from a B-1 bomber killed 26 civilians, at least 78 Taliban fighters and five Afghan police officers. Local officials said the attack killed 140 villagers.

Manning has acknowledged sending WikiLeaks material from the Farah investigation, including sev-

eral videos, although none were ever posted on the group's website.

The defense elicited testimony that appeared to cripple government efforts to prove an espionage charge related to the Farah video. Manning has acknowledged sending the material to WikiLeaks sometime after late March 2010; the government alleges the transmission was in late November 2009.

Army computer crimes investigator David Shaver testified on cross-examination the only evidence of Manning obtaining any video associated with Farah was downloaded April 17, 2010. First Amendment lawyer James Goodale, author of "Fighting for the Press: The Inside Story of the Pentagon Papers and Other Battles," said a Manning conviction on any one of eight espionage counts or a federal computer fraud charge would enable the government to charge civilians, including WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

"In Assange's case relative to Manning, they can treat each of them as co-conspirators and prosecute them," Rosen said in an interview.

Prosecutors also presented a statement from Manning's aunt Debra Van Alstyne, who talked about her interview with Army investigators in June 2010, shortly after Manning's arrest.

She said one of them asked how Manning felt about the Army.

"I knew that Brad was proud of his job and of being in the Army," Van Alstyne said in her statement. She said an investigator collected a digital camera data card Manning had sent her that was found to contain some of the leaked

Iraq battlefield reports and video of an Apache helicopter attack WikiLeaks

had posted in which civilians were killed.

She said Manning called

her after his arrest and asked if she had watched the helicopter video. □



Army Pfc. Bradley Manning is escorted out of a courthouse at Fort Meade, Md. Manning is charged with indirectly aiding the enemy by sending troves of classified material to WikiLeaks. He faces up to life in prison. (AP Photo/Cliff Owen)



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Kabul: Taliban bomber kills 17 at Supreme Court

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Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A Taliban suicide bomber struck outside Afghanistan's Supreme Court on Tuesday, killing 17 people in the deadliest attack in Kabul in over a year and a half. It was also the second consecutive day of attacks in the Afghan capital, undermining the ability

shows the Taliban are serving the enemies of Islam." Tuesday's attack was the deadliest in Kabul since Dec. 6, 2011, when a suicide bomber on foot hit worshippers at a Shiite shrine, killing at least 80 people. It came just a day after heavily armed fighters launched a failed assault on NATO's operational headquarters at the military section of Kabul's

in buses or private cars, said police officer Jahn Agha. Police spokesman Hashmat Stanikzai said the bomber specifically targeted the buses with court workers. Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attack. "The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan was obligated to act against this puppet regime because the peo-



Afghans rush a wounded man to receive treatment, after a suicide car bomber struck outside the Afghan Supreme Court in Kabul, Afghanistan, Tuesday, June 11, 2013.

(AP Photo/Ahmad Jamshid)

of Afghan forces to keep security without help from NATO troops. The attacker rammed his SUV into buses carrying court employees at the end of the day's work. All of the dead were civilians, including women and children, police said, and at least 39 people were wounded. The Taliban said they delivered a blow to "cruel judges" who obey Western powers, and warned of more bombings to come. President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack, saying it was another "terrorist act that once again

international airport. All seven attackers were killed by Afghan forces and only two civilians were wounded in Monday's attack. Hitting such high-profile targets as the Supreme Court or the international airport stirs up fear and threatens to shake confidence in Karzai's government. The courthouse is on a busy main road in central Kabul, near the U.S. Embassy. The NATO headquarters is also nearby. Tuesday's blast went off as court employees were leaving the building from the back entrance, mostly

ple have suffered under the courts," said Mujahid, referring to the Taliban by the name they were known when they ruled Afghanistan. He warned of more such attacks if courts did not stop jailing insurgents. As international forces started a withdrawal that will see most foreign troops gone by the end of 2014, the Taliban and other groups have unleashed a wave of bombings and assassinations around the country, testing the ability of Afghan security forces to respond with reduced help from NATO troops. □

France threatens veto of EU-US trade agreement

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STRASBOURG, France (AP)

— A cloud is hanging over the upcoming free-trade talks between the European Union and the United States after France said it won't back any deal that threatens the country's prestigious film, radio or TV industries.

The stakes are high because any deal could have major implications for global trade and could serve as a model for future deals. Together, the U.S. and the EU make up nearly half the world economy and 30 percent of global trade.

The audiovisual sectors have traditionally been excluded from global free-trade agreements under what is known as the "cultural exception," which allows governments to subsidize and protect them. In general, free-trade agreements are supposed to limit or ban such support.

"France is asking for an exclusion from the negotiation of what it considers of course to be cultural products but which are also a mark of European identity," French Trade Minister Nicole Bricq said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Bricq said the latest draft of the negotiating mandate, to be presented to EU ministers Friday, still has audiovisual services on the table — and that's not acceptable to France.

European officials have said the "cultural exception" would be preserved. But many are concerned that once audiovisual services are on the table, their protections could be eroded in the back-and-forth tussle of tough negotiations.

William Kennard, the American ambassador to the EU, said that it's exactly because the negotiations will be tough that the U.S. has pushed for everything to be on the table.

"We know our negotiators are going to have to be creative and innovative," he said, and so they need the maximum flexibility to reach a comprehensive deal. "If Europe insists on taking issues off the table, it's natural it will come at a cost."

For example, the U.S. could pull back on public procurement or other services, a person in Washington familiar with the issues said. The person would only speak on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issues.

France and others don't have the power to block the negotiations from going forward at this point, but any treaty will eventually need the backing of all 27 EU member countries.

And Bricq said the European Commission, the EU's executive body which is tasked with negotiating with the U.S., would be unwise to move ahead without the support of the bloc's second-largest economy.

Concerns over the talks have prompted European actors, writers and directors to head to Strasbourg on Tuesday to make an appeal at the European Parliament to protect their work. The parliament has already voted to keep audiovisual services off the table. Berenice Bejo, the French actress who hit the global stage with the black-and-white film, *The Artist*, said the fear is there would only be big commercial films if the exception is scrapped. □

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Syria:

Bombs rip through Damascus amid regime offensive

ALBERT AJI
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Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Twin suicide bombers targeted a police station in the center of Damascus

Square near the Interior Ministry, were the first such attacks to target the capital since regime forces, backed by fighters from the Lebanese Hezbollah group, chased rebels from

regime refers to the rebels as "terrorists." Building on its victory in Qusair, the Syrian military has shifted its attention to try to clear rebel-held areas in the central Homs province, a linchpin area linking Damascus with the Mediterranean coast, and the northern city of Aleppo. On Tuesday, activists reported intensified clashes

in Homs and its suburbs as the army closed in on besieged, rebel-held neighborhoods of the provincial capital.

The push by Assad's forces has raised alarms in Washington and added a sense of urgency to calls for the international community to arm the rebels. U.S. officials said President Barack Obama and his senior na-

tional security staff plan to meet Wednesday to weigh options for providing assistance to the rebel fighters, and a decision could happen later this week.

Syrian state TV quoted a security official as saying two suicide bombers struck in quick succession near a police station in the bustling Marjeh Square Monday morning. □



Syrians inspect a damaged shop at a scene of two explosions in the central district of Marjeh, Damascus, Syria, Tuesday, June 11, 2013. Two explosions hit a central Damascus square Tuesday, killing and wounding dozens of people, activists and the state media reported.

(AP Photo/SANA)

Tuesday, killing 14 people as regime forces aggressively pressed ahead with an offensive on rebel strongholds elsewhere in the country. The rush hour blasts, which caused extensive damage to cars and storefronts, demonstrated the ability of insurgents to strike deep in the heart of President Bashar Assad's regime despite a series of recent setbacks on the battlefield.

The bombings, which occurred in central Marjeh

the strategic town of Qusair nearly a week ago.

Prime Minister Wael al-Halqi said the attacks were a result of "the bankruptcy of the terrorist groups and those behind them because of the exceptional victories of our heroic armed forces all over Syria."

Al-Halqi said Qusair's fall has rattled the enemies of Syria and pledged that the army would soon restore security and stability to the entire nation. The



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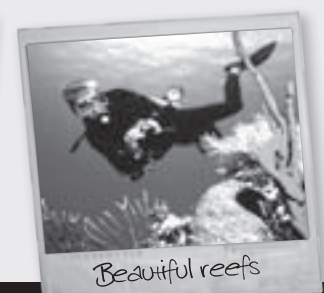
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32 arrests in London during protests against G-8

LONDON (AP) — Nearly three dozen protesters were arrested in London on Tuesday amid demonstrations against next week's Group of Eight summit in Northern Ireland. An Associated Press photographer reported minor scuffles between police and demonstrators making their way to a "Carnival Against Capitalism" planned by the group StopG8. Some protesters congregated outside the offices of oil giant BP, unfurling a banner that read "Stop the G8!!" Before the protests, riot police also swooped in on a building occupied by the anti-G-8 protesters. Video footage showed officers in climbing gear on the building's roof, tackling a protester. Scotland Yard said 32 people have been arrested for a variety of alleged offenses, including assault on police and criminal damage.

G-8 leaders will meet in Lough Erne, Northern Ireland, on June 17-18. The group is made up of the world's eight richest economies: the U.S., Britain,



Demonstrators are detained by police during a protest in London, Tuesday, June 11, 2013. The protesters were demonstrating against the upcoming G8 summit in Northern Ireland on June 17 and 18.
(AP Photo/Alastair Grant)

Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia. The summit will be on the

agenda Wednesday when U.K. Foreign Secretary William Hague travels to

Washington to meet U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. They also are ex-

pected to discuss Syria and the Middle East peace process. □

FARC calls for election delay in Colombia talks

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Talks on ending Colombia's protracted civil conflict resumed Tuesday with a surprising proposal from the country's largest rebel group: postpone next year's elections.

A top commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, said a delay would help keep political campaigning from jeopardizing the peace process.

"Let us open a national debate about the urgency and propriety of

postponing the electoral calendar for a year," said Ivan Marquez, whose birth name is Luciano Marin Arango and who is head of the guerrilla delegation. He proposed that the delay affect political offices from mayors up to the presidency; that presidential re-election be disallowed; and that both the electoral changes and whatever peace agreement is reached be submitted to a constituent assembly for ratification.

The leader of President Juan Manuel Santos' delegation to the talks threw

cold water on the proposal.

"We should not distract ourselves with proposals that contribute little to clarity, as is happening with the supposed prolongation of elected terms," Humberto de la Calle said, referring to the one-year extension of existing terms that would be required by such a delay. "That doesn't work; a constituent (assembly) doesn't work."

Santos, who has hinted he will seek a second term in the May 2014 vote, also rejected the idea.

"There is not even the most minimal chance I would consider that proposal to extend terms," he told Colombia's Caracol radio from Jerusalem, where he is on an official visit this week. "That is completely ruled out."

Peace talks have been taking place since late last year in the Cuban capital. They went into recess 2 1/2 weeks ago after the two sides reached a partial agreement on agrarian reform, an underlying cause of the conflict and the first of six points up for discussion.

Negotiations turn now to item No. 2, the incorporation of the guerrillas into Colombian politics.

Formed in the early 1960s, the FARC is the oldest active guerrilla army in the Americas, currently with an estimated 9,000 members. □





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Russian lawmakers pass anti-gay bill in 436-0 vote

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — A bill that stigmatizes gay people and bans giving children any information about homosexuality won overwhelming approval Tuesday in Russia's lower house of parliament. Hours before the State Duma passed the Kremlin-backed law in a 436-0 vote with one abstention, more than two dozen protesters were attacked by hundreds of anti-gay activists and then detained by police. The bill banning the "propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations" still needs to be passed by the appointed upper house and signed into law by President Vladimir Putin, but neither step is in doubt. The measure is part of an effort to promote traditional Russian values instead of Western liberalism, which the Kremlin and the Russian Orthodox Church see as corrupting Russian youth and contributing to the protests against Putin's rule. The only parliament member to abstain Tuesday was Ilya Ponomarev, who has supported anti-Putin protesters despite belonging to a pro-Kremlin party. A widespread hostility to homosexuality is shared by much of Russia's political and religious elite. Lawmakers have accused gays of decreasing Russia's already low birth rates and said they should be barred from government jobs, undergo forced medical treatment or be exiled. The State Duma passed another bill on Tuesday that makes offending religious feelings a crime punishable by up to three years in prison. The legislation, which passed 308-2, was introduced last year after three members of the Pussy Riot punk group were convicted of "hooliganism motivated by religious hatred" for an impromptu anti-Putin protest inside Moscow's main cathedral and given two-year sentences. Both bills drew condemnation from Amnesty International. "They represent a sorry attempt by the government to bolster its popularity by pandering to the most reactionary elements of Russian society — at the expense of fundamental rights and the expression of individual identities," John Dalhuisen, the human rights group's Europe and Central Asia program director, said in a statement. □

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Police officers detain gay rights activists as they gathered near the State Duma, Russia's lower parliament chamber, in Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, June 11, 2013.

(AP Photo/Ivan Sekretarev)

Puerto Rico waste-to-energy plan gets key permit from US

DANICA COTO
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The U.S. government approved a key permit Tuesday that helps pave the way for construction of a waste-to-energy plant in Puerto Rico that local environmentalists have long opposed. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded New York-based Energy Answers International an air permit to operate a 77-megawatt facility in the northern coastal town of Arecibo. It would be the U.S. territory's largest recycling plant if approved. Other permits are still pending for a facility that would generate enough power

to serve more than 76,000 homes in five municipalities a day. "We are very, very pleased," project director Mark Green said in a phone interview. "It is probably the most demanding of all the permits that the project needs to secure." If approved, the \$650 million facility would be built in three years, generate some 3,800 jobs and have a capacity to process more than 2,100 tons (1,900 metric tons) of garbage a day. It's the first time a waste-to-energy facility in Puerto Rico has received such a permit, said Jose Font, the EPA director for the Caribbean. □

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About 27,000 flights a day now cross European airspace, for a total of over 9 million a year and most are flying under air traffic management systems that were designed in the 1950s, the European Commission said.

Air traffic control workers, however, don't necessarily want to adapt to new proposals put forward by the European Commission on Tuesday. They say they fear threats to passenger safety and to their jobs and claim the EU is yielding to industry pressure to cut costs.

"This is a dispute between European technocrats who know nothing about air traffic control and highly trained specialists," said Olivier Joffrin, a French union leader in Paris.

Air traffic controllers in France began a series of strikes on Tuesday, forcing the country's main airports to cut their flight timetables in half just as the busy tourist season was beginning. Some 1,800 flights were cancelled.

"When I came here they told me the flight was canceled. So I had to buy another ticket ... I couldn't wait for a flight next Saturday," stranded passenger Ahmed Adouani said at Orly airport in Paris, where he was trying to fly to Algiers. Air traffic workers elsewhere in Europe were expected to join over the next 24 hours to varying degrees — from working strictly by the book, to

picketing and distributing leaflets, according to the European Transport Workers Federation. The strikes came the same day that EU Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas called for the speediest possible implementation of the centralization plan, saying the current system's inefficiencies are costing airlines and customers 5 billion euros (\$6.6 billion) annually.



Passengers check flight information at Marseille-Provence Airport, in Marignane, southern France, Tuesday, June 11, 2013. France's main airports have cut their flight timetables in half to cope with a three-day strike by air traffic controllers. The Civil Aviation Authority said that some 1,800 flights were cut Tuesday in France to protest against a plan to centralize control of Europe's air space.

(AP Photo/Claude Paris)

The time has come for more decisive action. If we leave things as they are, we will be confronted with heavy congestion and chaos in our airspace," Kallas told the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, as he introduced the latest plan.

Due to national borders, many flights over Europe take less-than-ideal routes that the EU has estimated add an average of 42 kilometers (26 miles) to each flight. With jet fuel making up an increasing portion of airlines' costs, and Europe's air traffic expected to increase by 50 percent over the next two decades, the European Commission said acting quickly was crucial.

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Dutch FM defends austerity approach

The Hague, NETHERLANDS (AP) — Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem defended his strategy of cutting government spending and increasing taxes to reduce the country's budget deficit — despite a lengthy recession in the Netherlands that some economists believe is being worsened by the government's austerity policies. Speaking to reporters in The Hague Tuesday alongside Olli Rehn, the European

Union's top monetary affairs official, Dijsselbloem said he expects the Netherlands deficit to fall below 3 percent of annual gross domestic product, the limit mandated by European rules, in 2014. "The approach is not failing," he said. He added that he supports Rehn's recent decision to give countries including France and the Netherlands more time to reduce their deficits.

The Dutch economy has been in recession since last fall as the government cuts back on its spending. It is expected to shrink by 0.8 percent this year, and unemployment is rising. In light of the recessionary backdrop, the Dutch central bank on Monday forecast that the country's deficit will be 3.4 percent of GDP in 2013 and rise to 3.9 percent in 2014 if no further action is taken.

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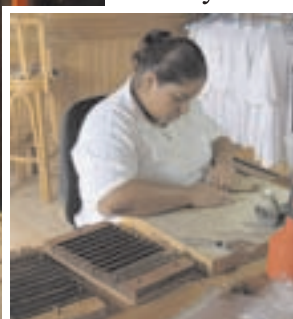


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Associated Press New England Patriots quarterback Tim Tebow throws during a team football practice in Foxborough, Mass., Tuesday June 11, 2013.

Tebow signs with Patriots

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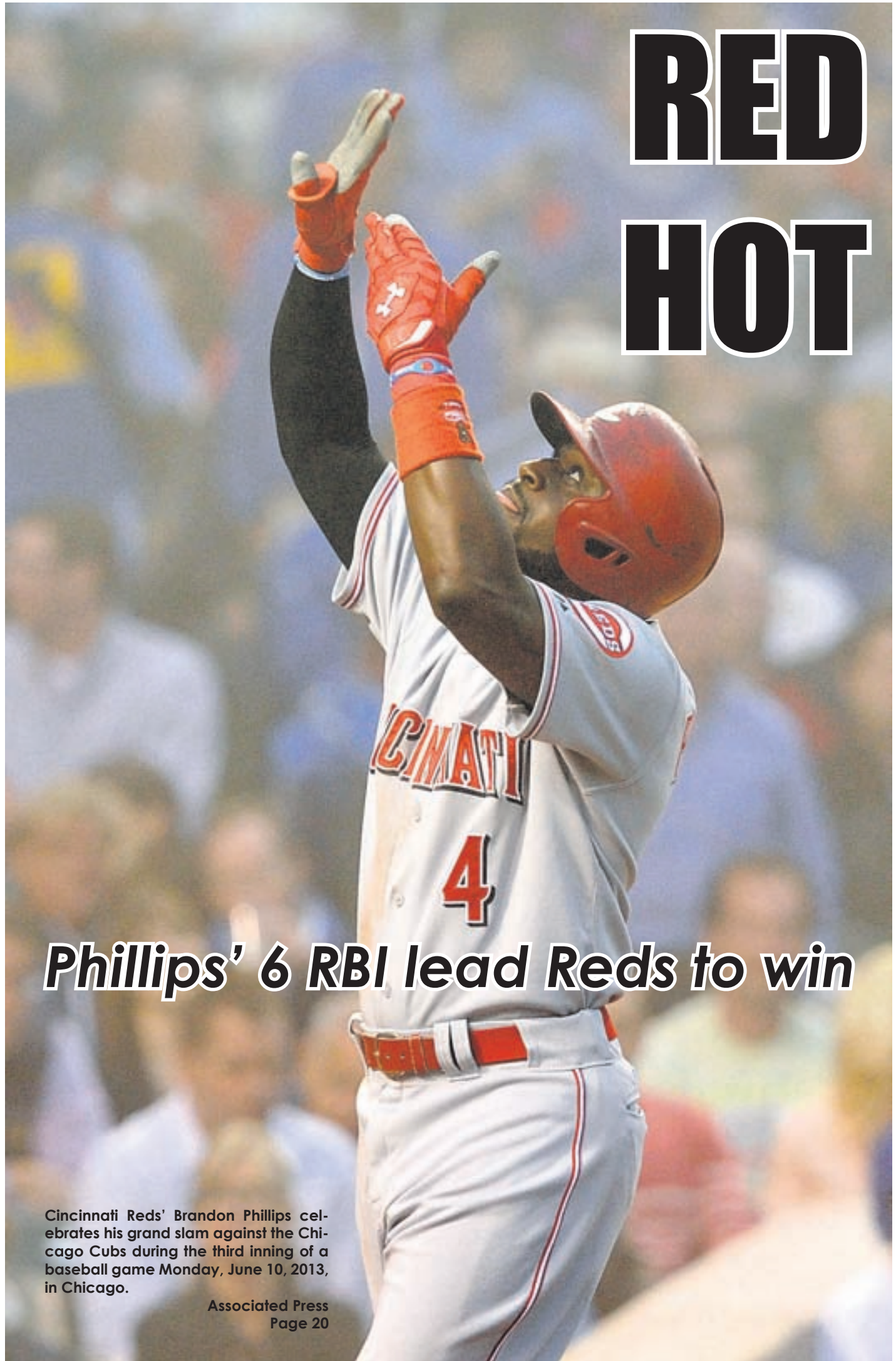
FOXBOROUGH, Massachusetts (AP) — Tim Tebow, the polarizing quarterback with the poor throwing motion, was signed by the New England Patriots on Tuesday.

The move came six weeks after he was cut by the New York Jets and just in time for the start of the three-day minicamp that runs through Thursday.

Two people with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press that Tebow was signed for two years with no guaranteed money. One person says he will make the veteran's minimum salary, \$630,000 in 2013, with incentives.

The people spoke on condition of anonymity because terms of the deals had not been announced. "Anything we do, we feel is in the best interests of the team," coach Bill Belichick said at a standing-room-only news conference before practice.

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RED HOT

Phillips' 6 RBI lead Reds to win

Cincinnati Reds' Brandon Phillips celebrates his grand slam against the Chicago Cubs during the third inning of a baseball game Monday, June 10, 2013, in Chicago.

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Woods, Garcia don't connect beyond handshake

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ARDMORE, Pennsylvania

(AP) — Unable to arrange a private meeting, Sergio Garcia left Tiger Woods a note in his locker Tuesday at the U.S. Open with hopes of moving on from his racially charged comment and getting back to playing golf.

"I did leave him a note — a handwritten note," Garcia said. "And hopefully, he can take a look at it. It's a big week and I understand that it's difficult to meet up and stuff. So hopefully, I'll be able to do it. If not, at least he has read the note and he's happy with that."

The note presumably was an apology — Garcia said it would be up to Woods to share the contents.

It was the latest - and perhaps final - chapter in a messy feud that ended badly for the Spaniard when he jokingly said at awards dinner in England that he would invite Woods over for dinner during the U.S. Open. "We will serve fried chicken," Garcia said. He apologized to Woods



In this Monday, June 10, 2013 image taken from video and provided by The Golf Channel, Sergio Garcia, left, and Tiger Woods shake hands on the driving range during practice for the U.S. Open golf tournament at the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa.

and everyone he offended in a news conference the next day and said he left a message for Woods through his agent.

Garcia approached him on the practice range Monday at Merion for a

handshake, and little more. "We didn't discuss anything," Woods said. "Just came up and said, 'Hi,' and that was it."

Asked if Garcia apologized, Woods said, "No. It's already done. We've al-

ready gone through it all. It's time for the U.S. Open, and we tee it up in two days." That handshake might be their only meeting this week.

Garcia said the range on Monday was not the right time to apologize to Woods, but that the world's No. 1 player was gone when Garcia was done practicing, and the opening day of U.S. Open practice was delayed three times by rain.

They are on opposite sides of the draw - Garcia plays Thursday morning and Friday afternoon, Woods tees off Thursday afternoon and

Friday morning. Unless they are near each other on the leaderboard on the weekend, they might not see each other again.

And there is some question whether Woods will even see the note.

Woods rarely goes into the locker room at the majors, except for the Masters. Through the years, his locker has been filled with requests for him to autograph various items, and outside vendors try to leave messages for him.

The dispute with Woods began during a rain delay at The Players Championship. Garcia implied in a TV interview that Woods purposely riled up the gallery by pulling a 5-wood from his bag to play a risky shot out of the trees, and that Woods should have been paying enough attention to realize the Spaniard was about to hit.

Woods won The Players, and the needling continued for a week until Garcia made the "fried chicken" remark in a light moment with the emcee at a dinner honoring Europe's winning Ryder Cup team.

The Spaniard appeared contrite in his news conference, and he said Tuesday he remained "a little bit nervous."

"But like he (Woods) said, with him taking the step forward and saying that he considers it closed, a closed deal, that obviously means a lot to me," Garcia said. □

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Williams sisters to play Seles in exhibition match

TORONTO (AP) — Serena and Venus Williams will kick off the Rogers Cup with a doubles exhibition match against Monica Seles and Eugenie Bouchard of Canada. The match will be played on Centre Court at Rexall Centre on Aug. 5 on the opening night of the weeklong WTA tournament.

Seles will return to Toronto for the first time since being inducted into the Rogers Cup Hall of Fame in 2009. Bouchard recently cracked the top 70 in the rankings.

Serena Williams is coming off her French Open title. She says she's looking forward to a "really fun match" with Seles and "hopefully another successful week at Rogers Cup."

Seles made her winning comeback at the 1995 Rogers Cup following a two-year absence from the sport after being stabbed by a deranged fan. □

Tebow

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With 15 video cameras and more than 40 media members in the audience, Belichick said, "We've been in front of bigger crowds before." Tebow, 25, is being reunited with Josh McDaniels, the Patriots offensive coordinator who was Denver's head coach when the Broncos traded into the first round to take him with the 25th draft pick in 2010. There is no guarantee that Tebow will still be with the Patriots when training camp begins next month, but if the Patriots keep him, he would have time to develop as a quarterback since Tom Brady holds that job. Tebow even could be tried at tight end, where the status of Rob Gronkowski is uncertain after he had his fourth operation on his broken left forearm on May 20 and faces back surgery this month. Asked if Tebow would

be used at quarterback, Belichick, in his usual low-key manner, said, "we're going to do what we think is best for our football team." He also said during the news conference lasting about nine minutes that Tebow is "a talented guy. He's smart. He works hard." After Tebow was traded by Denver to the Jets with great fanfare in March 2012, he hardly played. He threw only eight passes last season and played primarily as the protector for the Jets' punter. His absence from the field fed a media frenzy in New York. The spotlight will be dimmer in Foxborough where Belichick tightly controls which players can talk to the media and what they can say. When they go beyond those limits, Belichick sometimes forbids them from talking with reporters. Tebow's NFL career appeared to be over when the Jets released him in April and no team rushed to sign him. But Belichick



New England Patriots quarterback Tim Tebow, center, tosses the ball as Tom Brady, left, talks with offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels during a team football practice in Foxborough, Mass., Tuesday June 11, 2013.

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decided to bring in the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner who led University of

Florida to two national college championships. New England swept the

Jets last season, including a 49-19 win, en route to the AFC title game. □

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Phillips hits grand slam, drive in 6 to lead Reds

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Brandon Phillips hit a grand slam and matched his career high with six RBIs as the Cincinnati Reds extended their dominance over the Chicago Cubs with a 6-2 win Monday night at foggy Wrigley Field.

Phillips had an RBI single in the first inning, homered off Scott Feldman (5-5) in the third and added a run-scoring groundout in the sixth for his fourth game with six RBIs.

Across town, the Chicago White Sox and Toronto Blue Jays were delayed more than an hour because of a dense fog but the Cubs and Reds were never halted.

Cincinnati has won 10 straight at Wrigley Field, eight of 10 over the Cubs overall this season and 17 of the teams' last 20 matchups.

Homer Bailey (4-4) earned



Cincinnati Reds' Brandon Phillips hits a grand slam against the Chicago Cubs during the third inning of a baseball game Monday, June 10, 2013, in Chicago.
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his first win since beating the Cubs on May 25. He pitched eight innings and gave up one unearned run and four hits while striking out eight to improve to 7-2 against Chicago, which fell to 7-19 in the NL Central. Chicago has lost six of eight since a five-game winning streak.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, DODGERS 4

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Willie Bloomquist put Arizona ahead with a two-run infield single off Los Angeles closer Brandon League in a four-run ninth inning.

Diamondbacks closer Heath Bell barely held on for his 12th save as Arizona won its fifth straight against the Dodgers and improved to 6-1 against them this season.

Arizona closed to 3-2 in the ninth on pinch-hitter Jason Kubel's infield single that scored Martin Prado. Gerardo Parra doubled be-

fore League (2-3) walked pinch-hitter Didi Gregorius to load the bases.

Bloomquist hit a sharp grounder that shortstop Nick Punto stopped with a dive behind second base, but he couldn't hold onto the ball and two runs scored to give the Diamondbacks a 4-3 lead, their first of the game.

Peter Moylan gave up an RBI single to Paul Goldschmidt, making it 5-3.

Juan Uribe pulled the Dodgers to 5-4 in the bottom of the ninth with a homer off Bell, who had runners at the corners with none out before escaping. Tony Sipp (3-1) got one out for the win.

Dodgers rookie sensation Yasiel Puig went 3 for 4 while hitting fourth in the lineup after batting leadoff in his first seven big league games last week. He was named NL player of the week on Monday. □

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Berkman, Rangers extend Tribe losing streak to 8

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Lance Berkman hit a tie-breaking, two-run homer in the seventh inning as the Texas Rangers beat Cleveland 6-3 Monday night to hand the Indians their eighth straight loss.

Berkman's homer was his first since May 24 and extended Cleveland's road losing streak to 12, its longest since a 16-game skid that carried over from 2009 into the second away game of 2010.

Robbie Ross (3-1) got the win after striking out the side following a leadoff walk in the seventh. Joe Nathan pitched a perfect ninth for his 20th save.

Scott Kazmir (3-4) ended up with the loss even though he was in the dugout when Berkman homered off Nick Hagadone.

Carlos Santana had a three-run double in the

third inning, but the Indians didn't get another hit.

RED SOX 10, RAYS 8, 14 INNINGS

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Daniel Nava hit a tiebreaking single in the 14th inning as the Red Sox beat the Rays after squandering two late leads in a testy game that included a bench-clearing scrum.

Red Sox starter John Lackey hit Matt Joyce in the back with a pitch in the sixth inning. Joyce, who homered earlier, shouted at the pitcher but was restrained by Boston catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia as players from both teams streamed out of the dugouts.

There was pushing and shoving along the first base line, but it appeared no punches were thrown and the umpires did not eject anyone.

Shane Victorino opened the 14th with a single off

Cesar Ramos (1-2), then tagged up and hustled to second when Dustin Pedroia flied out to deep right field. David Ortiz was intentionally walked before Nava singled to center to put the Red Sox ahead.

Franklin Morales (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

ROYALS 3, TIGERS 2

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Jeremy Guthrie pitched impressively into the seventh inning and Salvador Perez hit a two-run triple as Kansas City got its sixth straight victory.

Guthrie (7-3) limited the Tigers to a two-run homer by Miguel Cabrera in 6 1-3 innings in helping the Royals to extend their longest winning streak since they won seven straight in September 2011. He gave up six hits and walked three.

Aaron Crow replaced Guthrie after he gave up a



Cleveland Indians shortstop Mike Aviles (4) can't reach a ball hit by Texas Rangers Craig Gentry, not shown, allowing an RBI single during the second inning of a baseball game Monday, June 10, 2013, in Arlington, Texas. A.J. Pierzynski scored on the single and the Rangers won 6-3.
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single to Avisail Garcia and he hit Andy Dirks with an 0-2 pitch. Crow retired Torii Hunter on a fly to shallow right and struck out Cabrera to end the threat.

Cabrera, who tops the American League with 90 hits and 69 RBIs, hit his 18th home run in the second after Hunter doubled.

Doug Fister (5-4), who is 0-3 in five starts since a victory May 14 over Houston, went the distance. He allowed three runs on nine hits.

ORIOLES 4, ANGELS 3

BALTIMORE (AP) — Adam

Jones homered and drove in three runs as Baltimore beat Los Angeles in a game marred by rain.

The teams played with wet baseballs on a muddy field and endured a delay of more than two hours before the final out was recorded shortly before midnight.

Mike Trout and Josh Hamilton homered for the Angels, who have lost three straight to fall 10 games under .500 (27-37). Jered Weaver (1-2) gave up four runs in 5 2-3 innings. □

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Bolt laughs off idea he's 'past it' after loss

**CIARAN FAHEY
Associated Press**

OSLO (AP) — Usain Bolt laughed off suggestions he may be 'past it' on Tuesday and said he is looking forward to defending his world titles at 100 and 200 meters in Moscow in August.

Bolt, who will run the 200 meters at the Bislett Games on Thursday, said he has his "eye on the prize" of the worlds and is not overly concerned after coming off a rare defeat in the 100 meters last Thursday.

Bolt lost by one-hundredth of a second to American sprinter Justin Gatlin in Rome, the Jamaican's first significant international loss since the false-start disqualification at the worlds in South Korea in 2011.

"I'll just point something out. In '08, I lost one race and I won the Olympics that year," Bolt told a news conference.

"(The loss to Gatlin) doesn't say much. All I'm concerned about really, is the championship. Running the runs, getting into shape, figuring out what I need to do to get to the championship."

Bolt is the world record holder over 100 and 200 and any slight dip in form from the athlete widely considered to be the fastest ever is going to attract attention. His dominance is also being questioned as rivals Gatlin, Tyson Gay of the U.S. and Jamaican teammate Yohan Blake begin to look like they could threaten him this season.

Bolt respects them all.

"Never try and single out one person to see who's the strongest, because in track and field people get injured all the time," Bolt said. "If I focus on one per-

son and they get injured, then what? Then you have to change your focus and you may not be ready for that other person. So for me, I just work hard and try to be at my best when those seven persons are lined up against me."

Bolt will face local favorite Jaysuma Saidy Ndure on Thursday. The 28-year-old set a season's best of 10.13 in the 100 in Rome last week and is relishing the prospect of challenging Bolt again.

"I always look forward to running against him. I know he's going to push me again into another season's best," Ndure said.

"He's fast, so I've gotta beat him. I'll try. We'll see," he laughed.

Bolt isn't underestimating the Gambia-born Ndure.

"For me anything is possible. You never know what's going to happen on the day. Hopefully he doesn't beat me," said Bolt, who hopes to be the first to break the 20 second mark this season.

"It's definitely in my mind. I want to change that and I'm feeling pretty good. I'm pretty focused."

However, the doubts remained, and Bolt was asked again about his lackluster start to the season.

"I'm not really worried," he answered with a resigned laugh. "I'm always confident in whatever I am doing. As long as my coach is not worried, I'm not worried, and my coach is not worried, so I'm definitely confident that I'll be up to standard, that I'll be able to perform to defend my titles."

The 26-year-old said he "never" worried and that his fans shouldn't worry either.

"I keep explaining to every-

one that for me it's never about one-off events. They keep worrying but for me, I show up at the championship. That's my aim because it's all about medals. At the end of the day, if all you can say is, I won 10 races over the years but I have no medals to show for them, what's the point?" he asked. □

Jamaica's Usain Bolt salutes fans after the men's 100m event at the Golden Gala IAAF athletic meeting, at Rome's Olympic stadium, Thursday, June 6, 2013.

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Experts debate plan to speed antibiotic development

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Government officials, drug companies and medical experts, faced with outbreaks of antibiotic-resistant "superbugs," are pushing to speed up the approval of new antibiotics, a move that is raising safety concerns among some critics.

The need for new antibiotics is so urgent, supporters of an overhaul say, that lengthy studies involving hundreds or thousands of patients should be waived in favor of directly testing such drugs in very sick patients. Influential lawmakers have said they are prepared to support legislation that allows for faster testing. The Health and Human Services Department last month announced an agreement under which it will pay \$40 million to a major drugmaker, GlaxoSmithKline, to help it develop medications to combat antibiotic resistance and biological agents that terrorists might use. Under the plan, the federal government could give the drug company as much as \$200 million over the next five years.

"We are facing a huge crisis worldwide not having an antibiotics pipeline," said Dr. Janet Woodcock, director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research at the Food and Drug Administration.

"It is bad now, and the infectious disease docs are frantic. But what is worse is the thought of where we will be five to 10 years from now."

Annually, tens of thousands of Americans die from infections, largely acquired



Dr. Janet Woodcock, the Food and Drug Administration's head of drug evaluation and research, outside her office in Silver Spring, Md. Government officials, drug companies and medical experts are considering options to speed development of medicines to combat infections that have developed resistance to the available countermeasures.

(Drew Angerer/The New York Times)

in hospitals, that are resistant to antibiotics, experts say.

Doctors, faced with dwindling options and little time to decide, are often left with agonizing choices over how to save a patient's life. For example, some doctors, in extreme cases, are again using Colistin, an older antibiotic that was largely abandoned years ago because of the damage it can cause the liver.

"A drug like Colistin would not be developed today because it is too toxic," said Dr. Helen W. Boucher, an infectious disease expert at Tufts University in Boston.

Under a plan proposed by a professional medical group, the Infectious Dis-

ease Society of America, the new medications, without the more comprehensive testing, could then be used on healthier patients who do not necessarily need them.

"There is really no way of knowing how these drugs are going to perform," said Dr. John H. Powers, a former FDA antibiotics reviewer who is now an associate professor at George Washington University in Washington. The overuse of antibiotics in people and animals, often for conditions for which the drugs are ineffective or not needed, is seen as a driving force in the development of resistant bacteria. As these organisms have evolved and developed resistance, the development of new drugs has not kept pace.

Pharmaceutical companies have frequently chosen to put their resources into developing drugs with bigger payoffs than antibiotics.

Also, the FDA, after a scandal several years ago involving an antibiotic called Ketek, which the agency approved on the basis of fraudulent data and was subsequently linked to severe liver damage, has been cautious in approving new drugs, infectious disease experts say.

"It has been progressively more difficult to usher a new anti-infective to market," said Dr. Vance G.

Fowler Jr., an infectious disease expert at Duke University.

Efforts to develop new antibiotics are not limited to the United States. In Europe, several big producers including GlaxoSmithKline and AstraZeneca recently became part of a joint government and industry initiative to develop antibiotics that kill resistant strains of bacteria. As part of the project, companies are pooling their resources and research data.

Along with the recent grant to GlaxoSmithKline, federal officials have also been giving grants to drugmakers worth tens of millions of dollars to help them underwrite the costs of developing new antibiotics.

Congress passed legislation last year that gives producers five added years of market exclusivity for effective drugs.

The measure also directed the FDA to review and approve newer antibiotics more quickly, though it did not provide specifics.

In April, two senators, Michael F. Bennet, D-Colo., and Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said they saw legislation as a way to circumvent the time it takes for the Food and Drug Administration to change its testing procedures. Their letter highlighted the plan championed by the Infectious Disease Society of America. □

Medicare outlook improves slightly, report shows

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WASHINGTON - The financial outlook for Medicare has improved because of a stronger economy and slower growth in health spending, and the financial condition of Social Security has not worsened but is still unsustainable, the Obama administration recently.

"The projections in this year's report for Social Security are essentially unchanged from last year, and those for Medicare have improved modestly," Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew said.

The Medicare trustees - four federal officials and two public representatives - said in their annual report that the "modest improvement" in the outlook for Medicare's long-term finances reflected lower projected spending for skilled nursing homes and private Medicare Advantage plans.

The administration said the outlook for the Medicare trust fund was brighter because of the 2010 health care law.

The law squeezed nearly \$500 billion out of Medicare over 10 years, in part by trimming payments to

many health care providers, including nursing homes and private health plans.

But the number of Medicare beneficiaries will grow rapidly, to 73 million in 2025 from 52 million today, so paying for the program remains a huge challenge, administration officials said. Older Americans stand to benefit from the slower growth in health spending. The standard Medicare premium paid by most beneficiaries will probably stay at the current level, \$104.90 a month, next year, the trustees said in their report.

Under current law, the administration said, Medicare's hospital insurance trust fund will be exhausted in 2026, and the Social Security Trust Fund will be depleted in 2033.

The administration said in its 2012 report that the Medicare trust fund would run out of money in 2024, and the Social Security fund in 2033.

The trustees urged Congress to shore up the finances of both programs. Kathleen Sebelius, the secretary of health and human services, said that Medicare spending per beneficiary had risen just 1.7 percent

a year from 2010 to 2012. In the prior two decades, it rose more than 6 percent a year, on average.

One of the public trustees, Robert D. Reischauer, said "there is reason to be quite optimistic" that the slowdown in health spending will continue.

One-third to half of the slowdown might be attributable to the recession and its aftermath.

But much of the remainder reflects efforts by insurers and health care providers to rein in costs, said Reischauer, a former director of the Congressional Budget Office. □



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Google snaps up Waze to add to mapping service

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Google is buying online mapping service Waze in a \$1.03 billion deal that keeps a potentially valuable tool away from its rivals while allowing it to gain technology that could improve the accuracy and usefulness of its own popular navigation system.

The acquisition announced Tuesday ends several months of speculation as Waze flirted with potential buyers interested in its rapidly growing service. Waze blends elements of a social network into its maps to produce more precise directions and more reliable information about local traffic conditions.

Google Inc. is believed to have trumped two of its fiercest foes, Facebook Inc. and Apple Inc., in the bidding for Waze, which is based in Israel but also maintains a Palo Alto, California, office near all three of the Silicon Valley giants. "We evaluated many options and believe Google is the best partner," Waze

CEO Noam Bardin wrote in a Tuesday blog post.

Financial terms of the deal weren't disclosed, but The Associated Press confirmed the sale price with a person familiar with the negotiations. The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity, was not authorized to discuss the matter. Google isn't expected to disclose the price until it discusses the transaction in a formal regulatory filing.

Waze ranks as the fourth most expensive acquisition among the more than 240 deals that Google has completed in its nearly 15-year history. The only bigger purchases are Motorola Mobility Holdings for \$12.4 billion last year, DoubleClick for \$3.2 billion in 2008 and YouTube for \$1.76 billion in 2006.

The price underscores the increasing importance of digital maps as people frequently check navigation services on their smartphones and tablet computers to help steer them in the right direction. The reliance on mobile maps creates more opportuni-

ties to show money-making ads, particularly those from local merchants. Google can also link the navigation systems to other applications to help generate more revenue.

Forrester Research analyst Julie Ask expects maps to become a main gateway on mobile devices, much like Internet search engines have been on personal computers for the past decade. "A growing percentage of time will be spent discovering, accessing and engaging content within maps," Ask predicted.

Google is the leader in the field, but both Apple and Facebook would like a bigger piece of the market. Those ambitions are likely a key reason Google scooped up Waze, said University of Notre Dame management professor Brian Proffitt, who specializes in technology issues. "If Facebook had gotten Waze, they clearly do something in the mobile market with it," Proffitt said. "Getting Waze is like a billion-dollar remedy to a potential headache for Google."



In this May 30, 2007 file photo, a Google sign is seen inside Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

Associated Press

In a blog post, Google said the Waze deal had already closed. The deal didn't require government before it could be completed because of Waze's relatively small size. Although Waze doesn't disclose revenue, it only has about 100 employees. But Waze has been gaining a foothold in the digital mapping market. Waze says nearly 50 million drivers in 190 countries use its mapping app to avoid traffic jams and find the fastest way to their jobs and other destinations. The service figures out the most

efficient routes by drawing upon real-time information shared by about 70,000 members who help edit the maps and even provide other helpful tips, such as where to find the best gasoline prices.

In an interview during an April technology conference presented by All Things D, Waze's Bardin described his service as "the only reasonable competition" to Google in mobile maps.

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US stocks end a choppy day with a loss

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Renewed concerns that central banks will ease off their support for the global economy hit the U.S. stock market Tuesday, wiping out its gain for the month. It looked bad from the start. Indexes began sliding from the opening bell, trailing markets in Asia and Europe, which were rattled when the Bank of Japan decided not to take any new steps to spur growth in the world's third-largest economy.

The news out of Japan added to questions surrounding global central banks, investors said. U.S. markets have been shaken by speculation that the Federal Reserve will start curtailing its own bond-buying program in the coming months.

"There's just a lot of uncertainty," said Dan Greenhaus, chief global strategist at the brokerage BTIG in New York. "People are worried about the Fed. They're worried about a spike in interest rates. And

then Japan says it's finished for now."

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 116.57 points to 15,122.02. That's a decline of 0.8 percent. It fell as much as 152 points in the first hour of trading, climbed back by midday and then sank in the afternoon. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 16.68 points to close at 1,626.13, a loss of 1 percent. All 10 industry groups in the index dropped, led by banks and energy companies. The S&P is now down 0.3 percent for the month.

The S&P 500 index has lost 2.6 percent since setting a record high on May 21. The next day, minutes from a Fed meeting suggested the central bank could decide to scale back its stimulus as early as June if the economy picks up.

Sprint Nextel gained 17 cents, or 2.4 percent, to \$7.35 after Japan's Softbank raised its offer for the company. Softbank's total bid for the country's third-largest phone carrier is now valued at \$21.6 billion, still short of the \$25.5 billion

offered by Dish Network. Overseas, the Bank of Japan voted on Tuesday to stick to its current bond-buying program, disappointing those who had expected the bank to widen its effort. Japan's

The world's biggest central banks have bought trillions of dollars worth of bonds in recent years, pressing long-term interest rates down in an attempt to encourage borrowing and spending. In the U.S., the Fed buys



Trader Thomas Ferrigno watches activity on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, June 10, 2013. Renewed concerns that central banks will ease off their support for the global economy hit the U.S. stock market Tuesday, wiping out its gain for the month.
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Nikkei stock index lost 1.5 percent.

Major stock markets in Europe also slumped. Germany's DAX dropped 1 percent and France's CAC-40 lost 1.4 percent.

\$85 billion in bonds each month.

With plenty of signs the U.S. economy is improving, many on Wall Street expect the Fed will start cutting back this summer. □

Softbank ups offer for Sprint by \$1.5 billion

OVERLAND PARK, Kansas (AP) — A month after being

challenged by a rival to raise its bid for Sprint Nextel, Japan's Softbank did just that, by \$1.5 billion.

That brings Softbank's total bid to \$21.6 billion for the nation's third-largest carrier, which is still short of the \$25.5 billion offered by the rival Dish Network in April.

Sprint, based in Overland Park, Kansas, said already said it's determined that Dish will not be able to come up with an offer superior to Softbank's. It ended discussions with Dish and gave it a June 18 deadline for a best and final offer.

The revised deal announced late Monday by Softbank suggests that it still seeks to mollify any Sprint shareholders who are not yet sold on the deal.

The new offer pushes even more cash to Sprint shareholders: \$16.6 billion, up from \$12.1 billion. In exchange, Softbank will own about 78 percent of Sprint, compared with a previous 70 percent. Shares of Sprint climbed 3 percent, or 22 cents, to \$7.40 Tuesday before markets opened.

Sprint's second largest shareholder, Paulson & Co., said it will vote all its shares in favor of Softbank's sweetened offer. And Softbank, even before the revised offer this week, had secured the endorsement of shareholder advisory firm Institutional Shareholder Services. ISS believes the Softbank bid would ease Sprint's debt burden and provide enough cash to improve its network. ISS noted that mobile data in Japan travels nearly twice as fast as mobile data in the United States, and Softbank's expertise could eventually make Sprint's network faster than AT&T and Verizon. Sprint Nextel Corp., with more than 55 million subscribers, trails both Verizon Wireless and AT&T.

Softbank Corp. is a holding company with investments in Internet and telecom businesses. It was the first carrier to offer the iPhone in Japan. □

US job openings slip in April; hiring rises

C. S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers advertised fewer jobs in April, but overall hiring rose and the number of people quitting their jobs increased.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that job openings fell 3 percent to a seasonally adjusted 3.75 million. Total hiring jumped nearly 5 percent to 4.4 million. And the number of people quitting their jobs increased 7.2 percent to 2.25 million.

More hiring and quits are a sign of a dynamic job market. Most workers quit jobs when they have a new position or are confident they can find one. More quits are therefore a good sign. Still, overall hiring and quits are at about the same levels they reached in February and are below pre-recession figures. Total hiring topped 5 million in most months before the recession began in December

2007. Monthly quits were typically around 2.8 million before the recession.

The job market remains very competitive for those

healthy economy, the ratio is 2 to 1. And the drop in openings suggests that job gains may not pick up from their current modest pace



Job seekers inquire for positions at the 12th annual Mission career fair in the skid row area of Los Angeles. More Americans are quitting their jobs, suggesting many are growing more confident in the job market. The Labor Department said Tuesday, June 11, 2013, that the number of people who quit their jobs in April jumped 7.2 percent to 2.25 million. That's just below February's level, which was the highest in 4 1/2 years.
(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

looking for work. There were 3.1 unemployed workers, on average, for each open job in April. In a

in the coming months.

Employers added 175,000 jobs in May, a solid month of hiring that nearly matched

the average gains of the past two years. The unemployment rate ticked up to 7.6 percent from 7.5 percent, but only because more Americans began looking for work last month. That's a sign many were more confident they could find jobs. Openings have risen much faster than total hiring since June 2009, when the recession ended. The number of available jobs has increased 58 percent since then, but total hiring has increased only 22 percent. That's a sign companies are slow to fill the jobs they have posted. Many employers have become more selective and cautious about hiring since the recession. Some may not be offering enough pay to attract the candidates they need. Other companies, particularly in information technology and manufacturing, say they can't find enough qualified workers. □

Nomura adds 6 bankers to its Americas arm

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Nomura of Japan said Monday that it had hired several senior bankers to take various posts at its investment bank as the firm continued to expand its presence in the Americas. The new executives are: Stephen Roti, who is leaving Barclays to become the firm's head of equity capital markets in the Americas.

Christopher Baldwin, who is departing Bank of America Merrill Lynch to lead a new investment banking team focused on real estate, gambling and hotel companies.

Anthony Viscardi, who is coming from Deutsche Bank to focus on the residential mortgage industry. Timothy Wilding, who is leaving Oppenheimer & Co. to advise chemical companies.

Daniel Rodrigues, most recently of UBS,

and Arthur Rubin, a longtime banker, will focus on Latin American and South American banking assignments.

The new appointments are part of Nomura's effort to expand its investment

bank in the Americas. It more than doubled its staff between March of 2008 and March of this year, to about 2,300 people.

Much of that growth has come from hiring bankers and traders, rather than buying existing businesses, as Nomura did in Europe and Asia with its purchase of the international investment banking operations of Lehman Bros. "Nomura is committed to increasing its investment

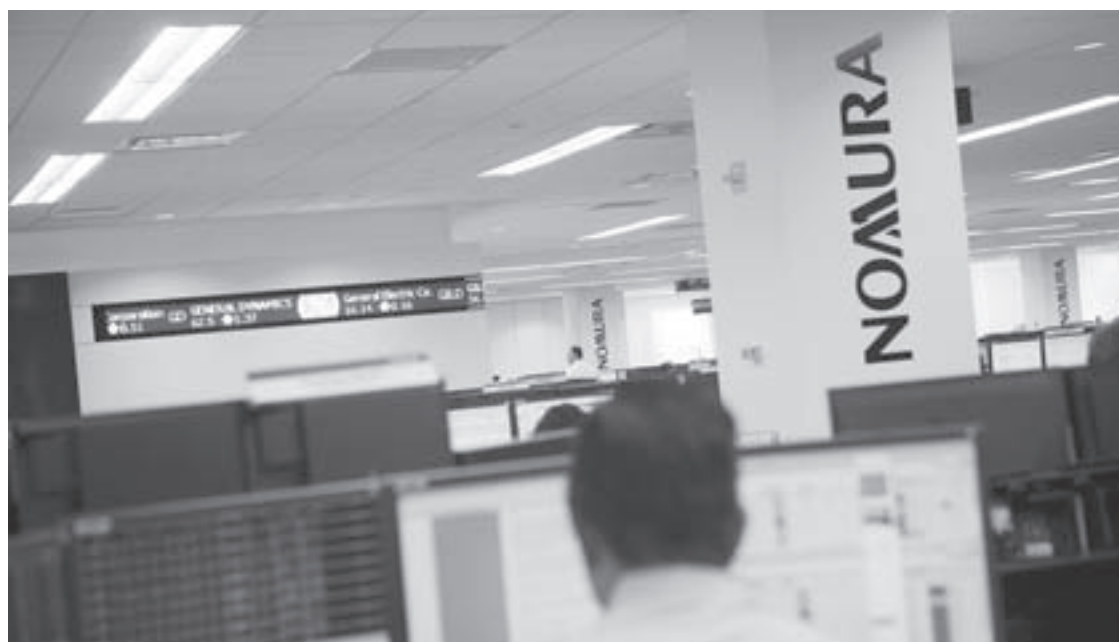
banking capabilities in the Americas, with targeted hiring and the thoughtful growth of its product offering, in order to deliver the power of the firm's global franchise to its clients," James DeNaut, Nomura's head of Americas investment banking, said in a statement.

"We continue to look for talented individuals to drive the strategic expansion of our operation."

Nomura is starting to see re-

sults from that hiring spree. In the company's most recent fiscal year, the Americas contributed 29 percent of overall revenue from banking and trading, up from 22 percent in the 2010 fiscal year.

In recent years, Nomura has advised on a number of transactions, including Marubeni's \$3.6 billion purchase of the grain merchant Gavilon and Itochu's purchase of Dole's fresh fruit business in Asia. □



A trading floor of the Nomura Financial Company, in New York. Nomura of Japan said on June 10, 2013, that it had hired several senior bankers to take various posts at its investment bank as the firm continued to expand its presence in the Americas.

(Hiroko Masuike/The New York Times)

Chevron to auction rights to 2 Nigerian blocks of oil

JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Chevron Corp. said Tuesday it wants to auction off the rights it has to two offshore oil fields near Nigeria's coast, the latest foreign oil company moving to divest from the country as regulatory uncertainty looms in the nation.

The company identified the two blocks as shallow-water fields near the coast of Nigeria's Bayelsa state, which sits in the country's oil-rich Niger Delta. The company did not disclose what the estimated oil and gas reserves were for the fields, which include the Anyala, Ato North and Madu plays.

Chevron described the sell-off as part of its Nigerian subsidiary's "continuous process of portfolio evaluation and business prioritization." The company offered no other details.

The San Ramon, California-based oil company said it produced some 238,000 barrels of crude oil a day in 2012, one of the major foreign firms operating in Nigeria's oil industry. Its holdings also include interest in natural gas production in the country. Chevron has a 40 percent interest in the stakes up for auction, with the state-run Nigerian National Petroleum Corp. holding the majority 60 percent. The Nigerian government would have to approve any potential sell-off. The sites Chevron wants to sell off are near the offshore field where Chevron had a gas rig explode in January 2012, killing two workers.

Oil money provides about 80 percent of Nigeria's government funding, which trickles down to states that have budgets greater than those of surrounding nations. But the corruption that pervades the nation often sees that money go into political leaders' pockets rather than toward government services. □

Dole CEO makes buyout bid; values co. at \$1.07B

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, California (AP) — Dole Food's Chairman and CEO David Murdock and his family are offering to buy the business with a bid that values the entire company at approximately \$1.07 billion.

Shares of the fresh fruit and vegetable company jumped in premarket trading on Tuesday.

Murdock and other family members are making an unsolicited offer of \$12 per share for the shares of the company that they don't already own, an 18 percent premium to Dole's closing price Monday.

Murdock has about a 39.5 percent stake in Dole Food Co., which has about 89.5 million outstanding shares, according to FactSet.

The company said that its board will be meeting over the next several days

to create a special committee of independent directors to assess the bid. It said that it is only in the beginning stages of evaluating the offer and that the

of \$4.2 billion. In March the company reported a fourth-quarter adjusted loss from continuing operations and revenue that was below Wall Street's expecta-

enhance its growth prospects. The company said that another factor in the suspension of the repurchase plan was the drag on earnings due to recent losses in its strawberry business. Dole has gone through a lot of major changes recently. It sold its packaged foods and Asia fresh business for \$1.69 billion in a deal that closed in April. That allowed Dole to become solely an international commodity produce company, which provides a more narrow focus going forward but makes its earnings more volatile due to the nature of the fruit and vegetable business.

Its stock rose \$1.85, or 18.1 percent, to \$12.05 — slightly above the offered price — in premarket dealings about two hours before the market opening. □



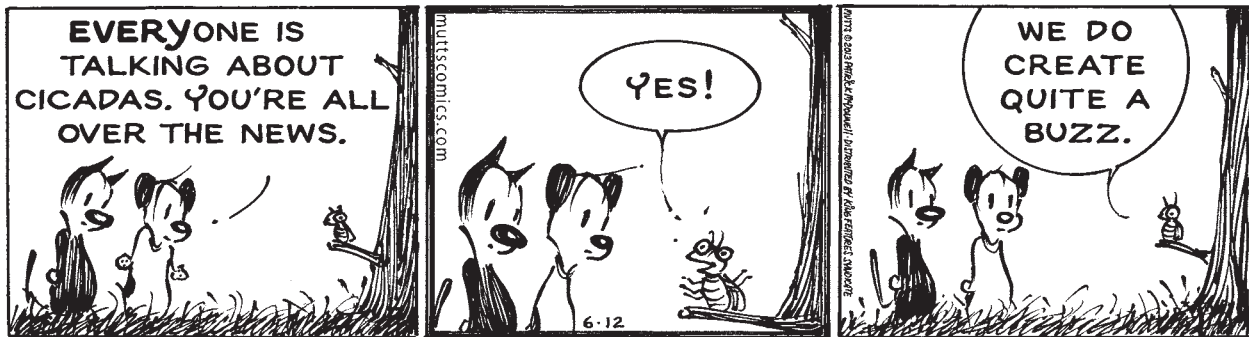
Dole Food's Chairman and CEO David Murdock and his family are offering to buy the business with a bid that values the entire company at approximately \$1.07 billion.

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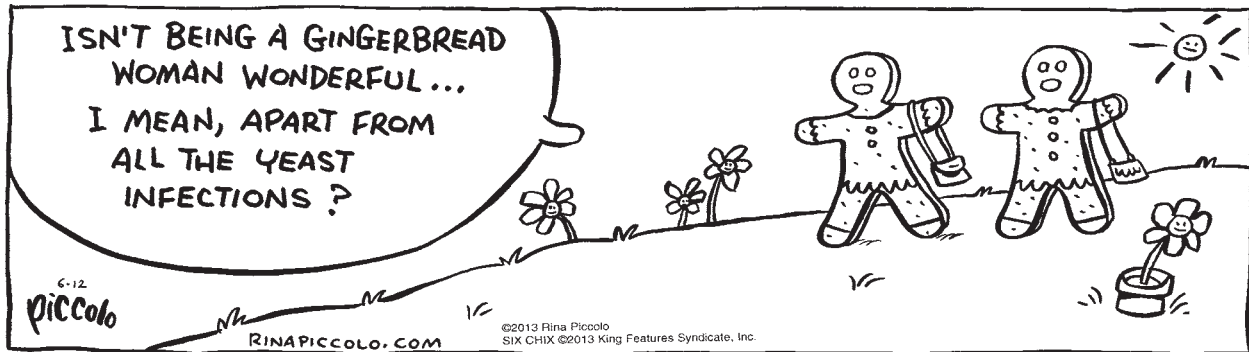
board has made no decisions about the proposal. Dole, which is based in Westlake Village, California, had 2012 revenue from continuing operations

tions. Last month Dole said it would indefinitely suspend its \$200 million share repurchase program and use its cash instead to update its shipping fleet to

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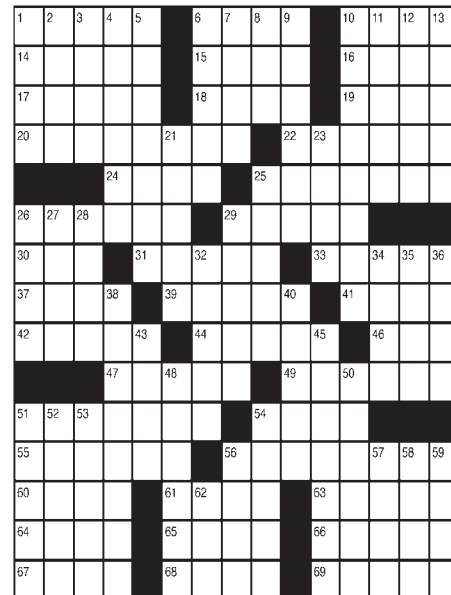
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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8	7	3	2	1	6	5	9	4

ACROSS

- 1 Violent winds
- 6 Sassy child
- 10 Tabby and tiger
- 14 Exorbitant rate of interest
- 15 Response to a pinprick
- 16 Villain
- 17 Female horses
- 18 Afresh
- 19 Not fat
- 20 Ghosts
- 22 Very handsome young man
- 24 Take care of
- 25 Become angry
- 26 Watery part of the blood
- 29 Jackson and Gosselin
- 30 Shade tree
- 31 Aroma
- 33 Sheikhdom in the United Arab Emirates
- 37 ___ milk; nonfat beverage
- 39 Scout group
- 41 Endorse
- 42 Singing voice
- 44 Possessed
- 46 Comfy room
- 47 ___ the way; pioneers
- 49 Actor James
- 51 Deadlock
- 54 Soft cheese
- 55 Perches
- 56 1/4 of a quart
- 60 Short-necked diving seabirds
- 61 Heroic tale
- 63 Forbidden
- 64 Genealogist's drawing
- 65 Look for
- 66 Cream of the crop
- 67 Loose ___; unfinished business
- 68 Back talk
- 69 Ascends



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 5 Orderly methods
- 6 Plank
- 7 Gallops
- 8 Top card
- 9 Foil; hinder
- 10 Gigantic statue
- 11 Representative
- 12 Remain behind
- 13 Good judgment
- 21 ___ legislation; pass laws
- 23 Passed away
- 25 Item twirled in a parade
- 26 Put on Twitter
- 27 Tahoe or Huron
- 28 Related
- 29 Recognizes
- 32 Wear away
- 34 ___ one's time; wait
- 35 Grows older
- 36 Travelers' stopovers

- 53 ___ fun at; ridiculed
- 54 Supports
- 56 Rushes
- 57 Wading bird
- 58 C-sharp or E-flat, e.g.
- 59 Foot digits
- 62 Veggie in a pod

Cherished amenity: Room service likely to stay at high-end hotels

JOE SHARKEY

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I'd spent the whole day and a good part of the night flying across the continent in airline custody. I was famished. On Devil's Island, the regimen for prisoners used to be bread and water, but in a coach seat on an airline these days you're lucky to get the bread.

So I was delighted when I arrived at 2 a.m. at my destination, the Peabody Hotel in Orlando, Fla., and found that all-night room service was available. Within 20 minutes of my call, a Caesar salad with chicken was brought to my room. The big, freshly made salad was \$13, with a 24 percent service charge and a \$3 delivery fee added.

Was it worth it? You bet it was, considering the alternative for a traveler who hadn't eaten a thing all day: wait till morning for the hotel restaurant to open. More to the point, higher-end hotels that cater to business travelers regard room service not as a burdensome drain on revenue, but as a crucial amenity, even if it doesn't directly generate a profit. From their point of view, room service is not about to be replaced with a tattered takeout menu on the bureau or an online screen promising speedy delivery. "For us it's essential. I don't know any of our guests who would stay with us if we didn't provide it," said Amy Finsilver, the general manager of Fifteen Beacon, a luxury boutique hotel in Boston, where the least expensive nightly room rate this week was \$425.

"We have a lot of international travelers - people arriving at all different times from all over the world,"

she said. "They might want a burger at 5 in the morning because it's actually their dinner or lunch time." In today's global business travel environment, at least for top-tier hotels, "the expectations are becoming higher," she said. "Room



At higher-end hotels that cater to business travelers, room service isn't going anywhere. (Chi Birmingham/The New York Times)

service is not a luxury anymore; it's an expected amenity. Not to have this, which any other comparable property would have for guests, would be" - and here I could almost see her frown over the phone - "unacceptable."

Unlike airlines, which offer basically commodity-level service except in the highest-priced areas of international premium-class

flying, hotels position themselves to cater to customers across a wide range of brands and niches, from the highest levels of amenities to the lowest. Business travelers are notoriously hard to pin into a single niche. An on-the-go consultant might stay on one trip at a moderately priced Comfort Inn where the rate includes breakfast and the location is next to an Olive Garden or an all-night Wendy's.

But on another trip, that consultant might stay at a full-service Marriott or even a small luxury hotel like Fifteen Beacon in a big-city location convenient to the next day's meetings. The hotel industry is rebounding strongly this year. As it does, some midlevel hotels opening under newly positioned brands are catering to younger business travelers and recasting food-and-beverage operations away from full-service, three-meals-a-day restaurants. Grab-and-go food counters offering packaged sandwiches or salads around the clock are a small part of this trend. □

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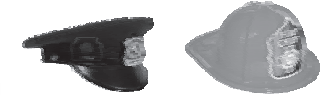
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Search for 1st Web page takes detour into U.S.

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Associated Press

For the European physicists who created the World Wide Web, preserving its history is as elusive as unlocking the mysteries of how the universe began. The scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, known by its French acronym CERN, are searching for the first Web page. It was at CERN that Tim Berners-Lee invented the Web in 1990 as an unsanctioned project, using a NeXT computer that Apple co-founder Steve Jobs designed in the late 80s during his 12-year exile from the company.

Dan Noyes oversees CERN's website and has taken on the project to uncover the world's first Web page. He says that no matter how much data they sort through, researchers may never make a clear-cut discovery of the original web page because of the nature of how data is shared. "The concept of the earliest Web page is kind of strange," Noyes said. "It's not like a book. A book exists through time. Data gets overwritten and looped around. To some extent, it is futile."

In April, CERN restored a 1992 copy of the first-ever website that Berners-Lee created to arrange CERN-related information. It was the earliest copy CERN could find at the time, and Noyes promised then to keep looking.

After National Public Radio did a story on the search, a professor at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill came forward with a 1991 version. Paul Jones met Berners-Lee during the Brit-



In this image provided by The European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, a screenshot of the original NeXT web browser in 1993 is seen.

Associated Press

ish scientist's visit to the U.S. for a conference in 1991, just a year after Berners-Lee invented the Web. Jones said Berners-Lee shared the page with the professor, who has transferred it from server to server through the years. A version remains on the Internet today at an archive Jones runs, ibiblio.

The page Jones received from Berners-Lee is locked in Jones' NeXT computer, behind a password that has long been forgotten. Forensic computer specialists are trying to extract the information to check time stamps and preserve the original coding used to generate the page.

The Web page preserved by Jones is both familiar and quaint. There are no flashy graphics or video clips. Instead, it is a page of text on a white background with 19 hyperlinks. Some of the links, such as ones leading to information about CERN, have been updated and still work. On the other hand, a link to the phone numbers for CERN staffers is dead.

Noyes said he'll keep searching for earlier versions of the page. Noyes said his project still has to sort through plenty of old disks and other data submitted following NPR's story. He suspects there will be a couple of pages to pop up that were created months before the version Jones has.

The Internet itself dates back to 1969, when computer scientists gathered in a lab at the University of California, Los Angeles to exchange data between two bulky computers. In the early days, the Internet had email, message boards known as Usenet and online communities such as The WELL.

Berners-Lee was looking for ways to control computers remotely at CERN. His innovation was to combine the Internet with another concept that dates to the 1960s: hypertext, which is a way of presenting information nonsequentially. Although he never got the project formally approved, his boss suggested he qui-

etly tinker with it anyway. Berners-Lee began writing the software for the Web in October 1990, got his browser working by mid-November and added editing features in December. He made the program available at CERN by Christmas.

These days, many people see the Internet and the Web as one and the same, even though the Web is just one of the many functions of the Internet. Personal email tends to be conducted over Web-based systems such as Yahoo and Google's Gmail. Web-based message boards have replaced the need for Usenet. Friendster, Myspace and later Facebook emerged as go-to places on the Web for hanging out. People now use the Web to find dates, watch television shows, catch up on the news, pay bills and play games. Many more services are still being invented.

In less than a quarter-century, the Web has turned into an easy way to retrieve data on just about any topic from just about any computer in the world with just the click of a link. It has become the equivalent of millions of libraries at the fingertips of anyone with a Web browser and a network connection. The resources have made it far more difficult for authoritarian regimes to keep information from their citizens. Berners-Lee's office was a few corridors down from Noyes at CERN's headquarters in Geneva. Nearby is a plaque honoring him for his innovation. Noyes recently brought his 14-year-old son and showed it to him.

"For him, it was a concept that doesn't make any sense," Noyes said. "It's no fault of his own, but he can't imagine the world without the Web."

Attempts to reach Berners-Lee through CERN were unsuccessful.

That's part of why Noyes believes it is important to round up the World Wide Web's history. He said it represents the best of how science and free governments can make the world a better place. And the quest for the first Web page reminds him of CERN's main goal — seeking answers about the universe using tools such as the \$10 billion Large Hadron Collider, where high-energy beams of protons are sent crashing into each other at incredible speeds.

"We're looking at the origins of the universe. Origins are intrinsically exciting," Noyes said.

Jones takes pride in his small part in Internet history, too. He understands the pull of trying to find the first Web page even if it doesn't make much sense. After all, even the simplest page created by a blogging novice today is richer and has more depth than those Web pages more than two decades ago. He likens it to why millions of people go to Europe to see original paintings of The Scream or the Mona Lisa when they can see replicas with almost no effort at all.

"No matter how perfectly you can reproduce something, like The Scream or the Mona Lisa, we have a fetish for the original," Jones said. "The more you see the derivative, the more you want to see the original." □

Waze

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Even though Google already has assumed ownership of Waze, government regulators could still review the deal to assess its effects on the mapping market.

None of Google's previous acquisitions have been blocked by regulators, al-

though a few underwent reviews that lasted nine to 12 months.

Most of the previous regulatory inquiries have centered on Google's dominance in Internet search — a service closely linked to maps — and online advertising.

For now, Google will allow Waze to operate independently and maintain

its main offices in Israel. Google, which is based in Mountain View, California, is taking the same tack with Motorola Mobility, which operates autonomously in Illinois. "We're excited about the prospect of enhancing Google Maps with some of the traffic update features provided by Waze and enhancing Waze with Google's search capabili-

ties," Brian McClendon, a Google vice president who oversees maps, wrote in the company's blog post. Waze's sharing tools also could help Google improve its own 2-year-old social networking service, called Plus, as it tries to lure traffic away from Facebook.

In his blog post, Bardin said Waze decided it made more sense to tap into

Google's vast resources instead staying on its own and eventually facing the distractions of an initial public offering.

"Choosing the path of an IPO often shifts attention to bankers, lawyers and the happiness of Wall Street, and we decided we'd rather spend our time with you, the Waze community," Bardin wrote. □

TV show earns some snark over pregnant and dating

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NEW YORK (AP) — They aren't looking for sex and they're not in need of baby daddies. It's those two things that landed the single ladies of "Pregnant & Dating" on reality TV to begin with.

Five in all, the growing and glowing women in WE tv's latest lineup play mini-golf, lace up bowling shoes and enjoy romantic non-alcoholic outings, but the mere idea of dating while pregnant has earned them a bit of snark.

"I see (at)WEtv has a show called (hash)pregnantand-dating. You straight people really are something else," tweeted gay comedian Dave Rubin.

While some of the on-air dates know about the pregnancies, most of the men have at least one awkward deer-in-the-camera-lights moment when the subject comes up. And then there's the subject of sex, which the show's moms-to-be are happy to mull on air. It's also the subject that generated a gross-out factor among some on social media.

But is dating while pregnant really all that wacky? In a recent Associated Press-WE tv poll, 23 percent of men said they would consider starting a relationship with a woman who is pregnant. Among online dating options are a few sites promoting pregnant sex, hookups and even one offering "pregnant naughty chat."

Dating wasn't about sex for Melissa Meister, a model-turned-stylist in Los Angeles. Divorced, she attempted to have a baby on her own through a donor when she and her boyfriend of three years began trying together, and voila!

"About two months into my pregnancy I noticed that he posted he was in a relationship with somebody else on Facebook," she said in a recent telephone interview.

Dating, she said, was "about getting to know people and really finding out who they are, and for

the first time in my life being confident to know my boundaries and what it is that that person would need to deliver in order to be in my life."

Among her dates was an aspiring actor, Eric Joseph. The two were introduced by a mutual friend and Joseph knew she was pregnant. He was new to Hollywood at the time of filming several months ago.

"I was kind of hesitant at first, you know, considering the whole pregnant thing," said the 30-year-old. Sex, he said, wasn't on the table.

"That really wasn't even part of the equation. If I had tried I think I would have gotten a slap in the face," he chuckled.

As for those pregnant singles in real life who seemingly enjoy that deed, Meister said: "I support anything that empowers women and that makes them feel comfortable. But I do know that there is another side to it, the weird fetish portion of it."

Nail technician Megan Aballi, 28, of Orange County, Calif., gets a romantic kiss or two from an old flame while out and about during her pregnancy on the show. She's more than a little curious to know whether her late-term hormones would make sex that much better, but she said in an interview that she ultimately resisted.

"I definitely don't have sex on the show and that's not the point of dating," Aballi said. "The point was to find somebody who you can spend time with and who can be a life partner, not to have sex while dating."

The women, including swimsuit model Shana Prevette in Charlotte, N.C., and 43-year-old Rachel Klein, a TV and film producer in Hollywood who was expecting twins, bring their own baggage to the show. Klein breaks down when she visits a matchmaker and Prevette mourns the absence of her child's father during a sonogram while also dealing with her changing body.

"Bikini model or not, for



This undated image released by WE TV shows pregnant Megan Aballi meeting a date at a park in a scene from "Pregnant & Dating."

Associated Press

some people, a baby is a deal breaker," Prevette declares on the show as she enjoys evenings out and turns in her granny panties for some maternity lingerie. It's enough to blow the minds of some real-life men. John Burr, a 39-year-

old golf equipment salesman in Palm Desert, Calif., says he finds pregnant-specific dating sites "scary and creepy." But he's not opposed to the idea of dating a pregnant woman. He's in a steady, six-year relationship with

the mother of his 2-year-old daughter and does feel for single women trying to be pregnant all alone.

"That's something rough to deal with," he said. "If I was dating I wouldn't discount any person because of that factor." □

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In this Monday, May 7, 2012 photo, Kanye West arrives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute gala benefit, celebrating Elsa Schiaparelli and Miuccia Prada, in New York.

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Kanye West says new album is 'all about giving'

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NEW YORK (AP) — Kanye West says his new album is all about giving.

The multiplatinum rapper held a listening for "Yeezus" late Monday in New York City, where Beyonce was one of the few hundred attendees. West said that his sixth effort will showcase his growth over the last two years and that "he had to learn about giving ... this whole process is all about giving."

"I feel like I know who I am," said West, who turned 36 on Saturday. "Yeezus" is out June 18. It has a dark, moody vibe that expands beyond his last two solo ef-

forts, 2010's "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy" and 2008's "808s & Heartbreak." It's also a departure from his first three albums, which featured a plethora of radio hits. West held the listening in the loading dock of Milk Studios in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood. The room was dark as lights burst onto the walls to display colorful visuals that assisted the 10 songs the rapper played.

Busta Rhymes and Q-Tip also attended the listening. West's new album features Bon Iver's Justin Vernon and rapper Chief Keef. West and girlfriend Kim Kardashian are expecting their first child. □

Cameron Douglas pens drug policy essay from jail

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Michael Douglas' son is speaking out from behind bars, calling for treatment rather than jail time for non-violent drug offenders. Cameron Douglas wrote an essay published Tuesday by the Huffington Post that says United States laws impose tougher penalties on addicts than violent criminals. The 34-year-old is serving a 9 1/2-year prison sentence after various drug violations. Douglas was first convicted in 2010 of selling methamphetamine, and a judge nearly doubled that sentence after he was



This April 27, 2009 file photo shows Cameron, son of actor Michael Douglas, at the premiere of the film "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past" in Los Angeles.

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found guilty of repeatedly breaking prison rules by arranging to get drugs. □

Henry Cavill keeps it real as Superman in 'Man of Steel'



This May 31, 2013 photo shows Henry Cavill, star of the film "Man of Steel," poses for a portrait in Burbank, Calif.

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BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — With

his dark eyebrows deeply furrowed and gleaming white teeth firmly clamped shut, Henry Cavill winces when asked if Superman is treated like a terrorist in "Man of Steel." His reaction is somewhat understandable. The charming British actor should feel very protective of the character — one of the biggest icons in pop culture. Besides, Henry Cavill is Superman now.

It's a fair question though, given that Cavill's Superman, his bulky frame encased in a deep-blue rendition of the Superman uniform, is handcuffed and attacked by the military at certain points in the retelling of the superhero's origin. While the idea of Superman as a threatening outsider has been explored in other mediums, it's new to the big screen.

"In the previous movies, it was just kind of accepted that he was a superhuman, but what would happen if this dude really did exist?" said Cavill. "If he was discovered, he would probably be put in a room and experimented on. That's very clear in his choices throughout the movie. He's become very adept at be-

ing who he is — but just not so openly." "Man of Steel" centers on an adult Clark Kent — or Kal-El, as he's known back on his home planet of Krypton — at the inception of his superheroic identity. (The name Superman is actually only uttered a couple of times in the film.) It's a matter-of-fact account of how a much more hesitant Clark rises up and responds when earth is threatened by Kryptonian outcasts.

At the beginning of "Man of Steel," which opens Friday, this version of the character doesn't wear spectacles, work at The Daily Planet, soar through the skies or own any clothes with a giant S plastered across the chest. He's a drifter. He says more with actions than words, something the 30-year-old star of 2011's "Immortals" completely understands. "As an actor, you spend a lot of time alone," said Cavill. "You travel the world by yourself. You don't have your buddies that you see on the weekend or at the office every day. You make temporary families, and you can only see your friends between jobs. I'm actually not a naturally super-chatty person. It's a skill I've had to teach myself."

With an emphasis on folksy imagery instead of high-flying action, early "Man of Steel" footage suggested a darker take on the superhero. While the tone is certainly more emotional than previous live-action adaptations, the filmmakers — which include "The Dark Knight" director Christopher Nolan as a producer and writer — haven't diagnosed Superman with depression. "It's not darker," said director Zack Snyder. "It's just a more realistically realized version of Superman. We tried to apply logic to the story. He lives in our world. That's it. It's a straightforward protocol. We put him in our world without it being a joke. If we had made it a little lighter, maybe it would feel more like the Superman of the past." That's exactly what the filmmakers didn't want to do. Nolan, Snyder and screenwriter David S. Goyer traded the bumbling, nerdy Clark in favor of a more contemplative one who stays under the radar working odd jobs. It's far, far and away from Christopher Reeve's jocular interpretation of the role, which Cavill won after earlier missing the part in 2006's "Superman Returns" to Brandon Routh. □

Of Slippery Slopes



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Maybe I'm a bit pessimistic when it comes to governmental paternalism and the unrelenting erosion of civil liberties, but I've always assumed that someone or something - including the government - is tracking, or could track, everything I do in an increasing virtual reality. This is not to say I believe that doing so is right or just or benefits a democracy as Americans imagine it. But a kind of Murphy's Law ethos abides in me, convincing me that what can be done eventually will be done, for good or ill, because information is power and human beings bend toward power the way weeds bend toward the sun. And power is just as blinding. Anything can be, and often is, justified in the glare of it. The threat of terrorism has become the broad rationale for the invasion of our privacy. That's why I wasn't as surprised as many this week when it was revealed that the National Security Agency used secret warrants to get Verizon phone records and was, as The Washington Post put it, "tapping directly into the central servers of nine leading United States Internet companies, extracting audio and video chats, photographs, emails, documents, and connection logs that enable analysts to track foreign targets." In the wake of the increasing digitizing of our lives - much of it with our consent - and with the overreactive national security hysteria that has followed the attacks of 9/11 (namely, the Patriot Act), this kind of thing seemed inevitable. Some of that hysteria has been quelled, although the law and law enforcement tactics it gave birth to are still in effect. For instance, in January 2002 Gallup found that the percentage of people who said that "the government should take steps to prevent additional acts of terrorism but not if those steps would violate your basic civil liberties" (49 percent) was nearly the same as those who said that "the government should take all steps necessary to prevent additional acts of terrorism in the United States even if it means

your basic civil liberties would be violated" (47 percent). By 2011, only 25 percent of those polled were willing to have their civil liberties violated while 71 percent were not. More recently, following the Boston bombings, there was bit of a relapse; a CNN/Time/ORC International survey found that 40 percent of respondents were willing to give up civil liberties to fight terrorism. Still, people were more sensitive about the monitoring of cell-phone activity and emails. CNN's polling director, Keating Holland, said this week that after 9/11, "54 percent of Americans favored expanded government monitoring of cellphones and email. Now, the message is 'hands off.'" He continued, "Only 38 percent said they favor expanding government monitoring of those forms of communication." And yet, that appears to be exactly what the government is doing. Furthermore, the fact that this administration has continued or even expanded the practices began under the Bush administration is beyond unsettling and so far down the slippery slope that I can see the darkness of the valley. Look at it this way: this administration is taking unprecedented steps to make sure that the government's secrets remain private while simultaneously invading the privacy of its citizens. This is a "Papa knows best" approach to security policy. We are told that this has helped to keep us safe, and that any loss of civil liberties and sense of privacy is but collateral damage, inconsequential in the grand sweep of things. Many innocents must be violated so that a few guilty people can be stopped. It's a digital stop-and-frisk, using data trends and a few successes to do huge damage. Even if you trust these "papas" - and I fully trust no politicians - what happens when they are replaced by new ones, ones you do not trust, ones with whom you do not agree? That's the problem: beyond the present potential for abuse, these policies establish a dangerous, bipartisan precedent - spanning all branches of government - that are easily misused. Not only can power be blinding; it can be corruptive. Imagine what damage the power to indiscriminately collect endless amounts of private data on innocent citizens could do in the hands of men and women of ill intent. The world is no stranger to that kind of abuse. This is not a right-left thing. This is a right-wrong thing. This is not about short-term damage to political prospects but about long-term damage to democratic ideals. This is not about any particular person or president or party but about principles and limits. This is one of those rare moments where the left edge and the right one can meet: this government overreach is a threat to liberty. □



Intelligence For Dummies



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Question for the day: Do you feel more secure or less secure, now that you know the government is keeping a gargantuan pile of information about everybody's telephone calls in the name of national security? You have heard, I'm sure, that the National Security Agency has been mining Verizon's records for information, such as numbers called and the location where the call was made. This is known as "telephony metadata," and the very fact that we now have a term like "telephony metadata" is perhaps reason enough to be against the entire concept. "Nobody is listening to your telephone calls," President Barack Obama assured the American people Friday. Well, probably nobody. And, if they are, it's under an entirely different part of the program. We've had a passel of these stories this week. (It also appears that the NSA is sucking personal emails and other data from the servers of the giant Internet companies.) Security issues are very tough to figure out. One side is always saying, as Obama did Friday, that whatever is going on will "help us prevent terrorist attacks." The phrase "help us prevent terrorist attacks" is sort of a conversation-stopper.

The other side is worried about privacy, but the public is hardened to the idea that some Big Brother is monitoring their communications. After all, we live in a world where you can email your husband about buying new kitchen curtains and then magically receive an online ad from a drapery company. Let's start with the real basics. Does the NSA really need all the stuff it's collecting? Ever since the attack on the World Trade Center, the agency has been exploding. It has an enormous operation outside of Washington, and it is building another million-square-foot complex in the Utah desert. It collects an estimated 1.7 billion pieces of communication a day. "When you have the ability to get more and more data, the natural inclination is to get as much as possible," said Rep. Henry Waxman, the former chairman of the House oversight committee. Those of us who have seen the show "Hoarders" know that more is not always better, and "as much as possible" is sometimes covering up a pile of dead cats. After all, the government didn't fail to stop the attack on the World Trade Center because of a lack of data. It had lots of information about al-Qaida and its plan to stage an attack on America. The problem was with follow-up. And the NSA has been known to go overboard. During the administration of George W. Bush, it decided to drop a modest in-house plan for data analysis in favor of a gargantuan program called Trailblazer, which funneled more than \$1 billion to private consultants and turned out to have the additional liability of not working. The official who fought most vigorously against it was rewarded by being charged with violating the Espionage Act when he released information to a reporter. That was only one incident, but we do seem to have an ominous combination: an agency with a bad record on thriftiness, and practically everything it spends money on is secret. "It's a tough

balancing act," an Obama administration official told me. "It's incumbent on us and Congress to do the job of scrutinizing the budget, both in terms of cost and efficacy." Yeah, what about Congress? The president keeps saying that "Congress is continually briefed" about security issues. In reality, the briefing is pretty much confined to the members of the House and Senate intelligence committees, who are sworn to secrecy. Many of them also have a long-standing record of being in the pocket of the intelligence community. A few of the others had been desperately trying to warn their colleagues about the telephone-call program without breaking their vow of silence. Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon did everything but tap dance the information in Morse code. "Does the NSA collect any type of data at all on millions or hundreds of millions of Americans?" he asked James Clapper, the director of national intelligence, at a public hearing. "No sir," said Clapper. I wouldn't rely on Congress to keep things under control. It's really up to the president. Obama looked as if he would be great at riding herd on the NSA's excesses. But if he has ever pushed back on the spy set, it's been kept a secret. Meanwhile, the administration scarfs up reporters' emails and phone records in its obsessive war against leaks. And without the leaks to reporters, we would never be having discussions about whether it's a good idea for the government to collect piles of records about our telephone calls every day. "I welcome this debate," Obama said Friday. "I think it's healthy for our democracy." Under further questioning, he said he definitely didn't welcome the leaks. Without which, of course, there would be no debate. Do you remember how enthusiastic people were about having a president who once taught constitutional law? I guess we've learned a lesson. □

Golf's Audacious Idea: A Difficult, But Short, Course

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ARDMORE, Pa. - After he won the 1971 U.S. Open at Merion Golf Club, Lee Trevino said, "I love Merion, and I don't even know her last name."

The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jim Murray had a different assessment in the wake of the same championship.

"Whatever else she is," he wrote, "Merion ain't no lady."

That was when Merion was respected for its architectural originality and the hidden challenges of a shortish layout.

But since the club last hosted the U.S. Open, in 1981, the consensus has been that while Merion's pocket-size East Course was a test in its day, nobody hit the ball 350 yards in the early 1980s (let alone 1904, the first time Merion hosted a national championship).

As the 113th Open returns to the club Thursday, even after years of prep work and a lengthening of the course, the most asked question remains: Aren't today's powerful, long-hitting pros going to tear up that nice old place?

The U.S. Golf Association is not shying from the question. In a daring experiment rarely attempted in other sports, the USGA is symbolically willing to roll back the clock for the historical fun of it and, notably, perhaps to prove a point.

"Coming back to Merion is a truly magical thing and an important thing for golf," said Mike Davis, the USGA executive director. "This is a special place, and people will see that. I would say that there are probably more players that can potentially win this U.S. Open than in any other U.S. Open venue we go to."

Davis insisted that at 6,996 yards, and a par 70, Merion will be anything but easy. And it will be neither a long hitter's paradise nor an advantage for the more precise, finesse player.

"The short holes are short, so yes, there will be more birdies made - trust me - at

this U.S. Open than any we have seen in recent history," Davis said. "But the long holes are also really long."

There are no par 5s at Merion after the fourth hole, which means there is no place for the long hitters to steal an easy birdie. The sloping greens will be mowed to a frighteningly fast 13.5 on the Stimpmeter.

final round, some golfers will have to play the par-3 17th hole from 246 yards - a tee shot over a ravine to a green carved into a sloping hollow. Miss that green, and you're either in the sand or have an impossible downhill lie.

"It's really two different golf courses," said Webb Simpson, the defending U.S. Open champion who

ber about Merion is that the second that you think you've got an easy hole is the second that you probably will make a mistake."

The Merion East Course, surrounded by a suburban neighborhood and a college, is wedged into about 110 acres, or about half as many as a usual American championship layout. On the second hole, a public

viewers will hear all about it on the network broadcasts this week, comes near the end of the round: the 430-yard, par-4 16th known as the Quarry Hole.

It is not an overly long hole, but a large, scruffy, gorge-like area - a filled-in old quarry - intersects play. Full of overgrown grasses, weeds, shrubs and wildflowers, the chasm is in the



The 17th hole at the Merion Golf Club is groomed in Ardmore, Pa. The club, which on Thursday hosts the United States Open, is 6,996 yards and a par 70, but it still presents some fiendish challenges.

(Ryan Collard/The New York Times)

True to its 19th-century routing, there are blind shots, or semiblind shots, all over the golf course, and Davis called the uphill 521-yard, par-4 18th hole "the toughest finishing hole in all of the U.S. Opens."

"And the final five holes will challenge any level of golfer from any era," Davis said.

Yet the 13th hole is a measly 115 yards. Four other par 4s are shorter than 367 yards.

But with the championship on the line late in the

played at Merion when it hosted the 2005 U.S. Amateur. "Potentially, through 13 holes, if you drive it well, you can have nine wedge opportunities to the greens. And then the last five holes are going to be some of maybe the hardest that we have ever had in the U.S. Open. So you kind of have the best of both worlds.

"But it's going to take a good mind to play strategically, even after you make a mistake. And it will force a mistake. What I remem-

ber about Merion is that the second that you think you've got an easy hole is the second that you probably will make a mistake."

There is another street just behind the sixth green. Elsewhere, there are fieldstone, estate-like homes that stand 20 or 25 yards from fairways and greens. They will receive some camera time as well, and they are also out of bounds.

But one of the best-known features of Merion, and

middle of the fairway and also obscures the view of a tilted green.

The golfers will have to carefully and strategically play in front of the gorge, and then take their best aim at where they think the hole is. With the tournament up in the air, it could be a matter of hit and hope.

Does that sound easy? With the lethal 17th to follow and a closing hole that might be the most difficult in Open history, that may be the more appropriate question of the week. □